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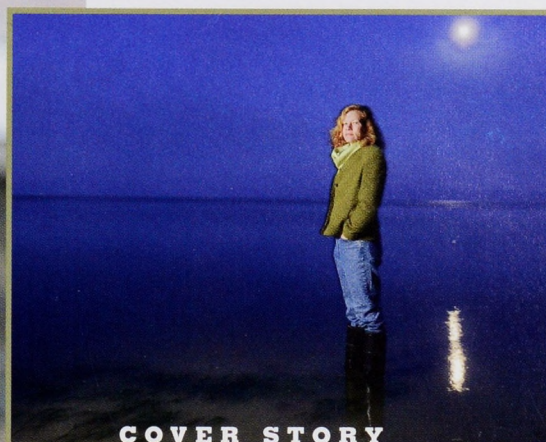
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Amy is the California climate manager for the Union of Concerned Scientists, a nonprofit organization comprised of scientists and policy experts who are tackling some of the most pressing environmental issues of our time. She recently coauthored a report—*Our Changing Climate: Assessing the Risks to California*—that has led to some of the toughest global warming legislation enacted in the United States. This much I knew when I asked Brian Eule, a San Francisco-based writer and frequent *Magazine* contributor, to sit down and chat with Amy. What I didn't know (and what Brian illuminated) was that Amy came to Midd planning on majoring in physics, ended up concentrating on philosophy, and spent a number of years working in Nicaragua before earning advanced degrees in international policy studies and environmental science.

We had found our cover subject.

Of course, other Midd folks are having similar impacts on our planet, and we tell a number of their stories in our ten-page "green" feature package. We've also included a couple of pieces that have more of a reader service component. Ben Jervey '01, the author of *The Big Green Apple: Your Guide to Eco-Friendly Living in New York City*, offers 12 steps to living a greener life; and Jack Byrne, the College's campus sustainability coordinator, crafted a quiz that will help give you a sense of how eco-savvy you are.

Before testing your green IQ, I'd encourage you to visit the website www.myfootprint.org to determine what your ecological footprint is. I took the quiz and learned that my ecological footprint is 24 acres, which happened to be the average ecological footprint for a U.S. resident. Not bad, I thought. Then I saw that the planet contains 4.5 biologically productive acres per person and that if everyone lived

like me, we'd need 5.3 planets to support this lifestyle. Oops. Chagrined, I asked our art director, who I consider to be significantly more eco-conscious than me, to take the quiz. Her eco-footprint is 21 acres. Better than me (as I expected), but not by much. We—and I mean this in the most collective way possible—have a lot of work to do. —MJ



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Disturbing Trends

Thank you for your candid and brave piece about the uneasy place of personal faith in a secular setting such as Middlebury ("Of Faith and Reason," winter 2007). Too often this is the white elephant in the room that everyone sees and no one wants to talk about—this in a setting that professes openness to all perspectives and passions. Most clarifying were the terms that Stanley Fish proposed: are we talking around the edges of religion at an arm's length, as a subject of curiosity, or taking it seriously, as a candidate for truth that can't be construed from other disciplines? That is the essential question.

Finally, on the very day when I read "Of Faith and Reason" in your fine magazine, I noticed an Associated Press story underscoring the urgency of the subject. "Today's college students are more narcissistic and self-centered than their predecessors, according to a comprehensive new study," it stated. "Five psychologists worry that the trend could be harmful to personal relationships and American society."

Absent seriously engaging religion on campus and without its high ceilings beyond the isolated self's narrow version of truth, count on the disturbing trend to continue. Frankly, that is reason enough to advance the conversations on religion you so helpfully broached.

Dale Rosenberger P'09
Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts

Take the Gloves Off

While reading "Of Faith and Reason" (winter 2007), I kept waiting for some mention of voices at Middlebury who would reject many of the fundamental assumptions reflected in the article. Are there professors or students or people occupied with "student life" at Middlebury who hold that "faith," i.e., believing things without evidence or contrary to available evidence, is not a virtue but is in fact incompatible with genuine intellectual integrity? Does anyone defend the notion that "different faith traditions" getting people—especially young children—to believe in such absurdities as virgin births, ascents into heaven, and adventures with angels



undermines all that separates the mind of a critical thinker from the phantasmagoria of the *National Enquirer*? Does anyone question the notion—apparently taken for granted in much of the activity reported in the article—that we can assume a foundational link between religion and ethics/morality?

Most decent people have the ability to distinguish between right and wrong without reliance on religious dogma, which is why they can read the Old Testament and be outraged by its views on women, slavery, and punishment, or the New Testament's nonchalant condemnation of large numbers of people to eternal torture. As Plato's Socrates pointed out long ago (*Euthyphro* 10-11), the gods favor the good because it is good; it is not the case that the good is good because the gods favor it. Ethics/morality is not intrinsically tied to religion.

No one can be opposed to studying *about* religion: its history, sociology, anthropology, psychology. But the claims of religion to truth and authority cannot be accepted without rigorous critical scrutiny. In the fuzzy atmosphere of "interfaith dialogue" and "spirituality"—apparently enthusiastically encouraged and handsomely underwritten at the College—religion seems to get

CUP RUNNETH OVER

A number of readers weighed in on last issue's cover story "Of Faith and Reason." As one would expect, readers' opinions covered a wide range.

a free ride with respect to its pretensions to intellectual and moral respectability. Undoubtedly there are people at Middlebury who are critical of the whole enterprise of religion. I would urge the editors to make their views known. Are there courses where students read works by lucid critics of "faith" like Richard Dawkins and Sam Harris? Are there forums that welcome real "gloves off" examinations—rather than the usual deferential pabulum—of religion? Is anyone at Middlebury openly and explicitly critical of the pretensions of religion? If so, let's hear about them!

Richard Hogan '67
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Our Cultural Vacuum

I immediately thought of Middlebury—and specifically the winter 2007 magazine story "Of Faith and Reason"—when I recently read the following passage from *The Iraq Study Group Report*:

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"All of our efforts in Iraq, military and civilian, are handicapped by Americans' lack of language and cultural understanding. Our embassy of 1,000 has 33 Arabic speakers, just six of whom are at the level of fluency."

The vacuum of cultural understanding and linguistic skill at the heart of the American enterprise in Iraq, and more broadly in the Middle East, urgently needs to be filled. Middlebury has the resources to meet the linguistic needs of our government. Now I read that religious study is taking off with new vigor. Serious study of Islam will take students a long way toward cultural understanding of Iraq and the Middle East.

Religion is the central focus of the Islamic world's conflict with the West. The life and thought of the Middle East, and the West's trouble with and interest in the Middle East, is inexplicable without an adequate understanding of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. That adequate understanding apparently is lacking in all of our current political leaders, and seemingly in our entire society, with the exception of a tiny number of scholars.

Religion is one of the key elements of the American way of life, for better and for worse. Reactionary religion is the driving force of those who would censor our schools and libraries and create intellectual malformations in our children. Distortion of the Bible is the excuse for the willful ignorance of a powerful minority in our society.

That 39 percent of Middlebury's incoming student body declares no religious preference, as reported in

Matt Jennings's excellent article, clearly demonstrates that Middlebury is *not* a microcosm of society, contrary to statements elsewhere in the magazine. The Harris Poll states, "79 percent of Americans believe there is a God, and that 66 percent are absolutely certain this is true. Only 9 percent do not believe in God, while a further 12 percent are not sure."

Middlebury students need education in religious thought and conflict if they are to serve society as leaders. I congratulate the College for taking this challenge seriously.

Daniel J. Urbach '82
Portland, Oregon

Faith Is Beyond Discussion

There was much in Matt Jennings's article "Of Faith and Reason" that had me grumbling in agnostic indignation, but I'll limit my commentary to a few points and begin by simply pointing out the irony of any faith-oriented organization (or writer) calling for an intellectual environment where "boundaries are stretched, beliefs challenged, and an ethos of inquiry embraced." By its very definition, faith demands the unquestioning opposite. Perhaps the language of religion is a "conversation stopper" for nonbelievers on campus because ultimately faith is beyond discussion.

Religion is a fine thing for many people. Its various forms of practice should be welcomed, even encouraged, as part of campus life. Academically, its history, art, and thought should be taught—as it was in my time at Middlebury—in the context of world history, art, and philosophy (*and science and psy-*

chology and anthropology). However, I think Middlebury would serve a greater good if the focus of its curriculum were to provide a framework for students to develop a "moral compass" *without* relying on 2,000-year-old creation and salvation myths.

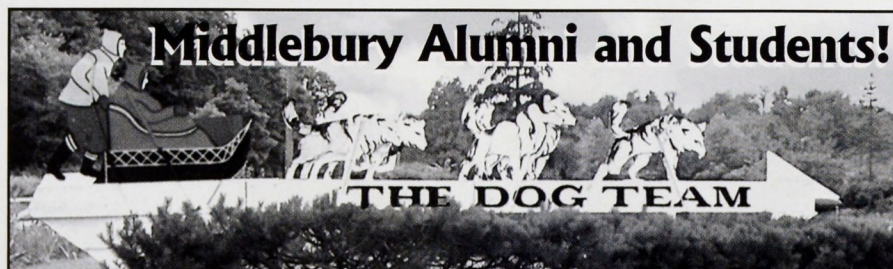
The writer appears to bemoan it, but I find it praiseworthy that Middlebury has more than twice the national percentage of freshmen who indicate they have no religious preference, and I hope that after four years at the College the percentage will be even higher.

Peter Holm '86
Waterbury Center, Vermont

Blog Appreciation

I read with great interest "Of Faith and Reason" by Matt Jennings in the winter 2007 issue. If my memory is accurate, religion was a "conversation stopper" during my years at Middlebury (1959–63). I am very happy that it is a conversation starter now. I remember the days of compulsory chapel, when the chapel sermons were very secular. And I remember the days when there was really no one I could find on campus who would share their faith concerns with me.

Paradoxically the nonreligious intellectual atmosphere at Midd made me anxious to learn more about my own faith tradition, Roman Catholicism, so much so that I became a Roman Catholic priest in 1970. But I believe that my Middlebury education also kept the spirit of inquiry alive in me to the extent that I left the Roman Catholic fold to become a conservative Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor some years later.



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My real reason for writing, however, is to commend Karina Arrue '07, whose blog, *Upsurge*, I read about in the Jennings article. I have read Ms. Arrue's interviews with Middlebury people of diverse religious backgrounds, as well as her reflections on how she integrates her faith with the other ethnic, intellectual, social, spiritual, and purely personal dimensions of her student life. Her writings are so insightful that I have recommended them to friends who are involved in campus ministry.

Roger Newton '63
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Dark Age of Fear

It is important that the College community engage the question, "Does God Exist?" (winter 2007). The phenomenon of recent bestsellers such as *The End of Faith* by Sam Harris and *Why Christianity Must Change or Die* by Bishop John Shelby Spong is surely not a coincidence in light of "culture wars" that have contributed to a polarized American politics and the Middle Eastern conflict, which can be seen as a clash of religious fundamentalisms—Jewish, Islamic, and, not least, Christian.

I think it's time to examine our notions of faith when a prominent Christian fundamentalist can be seen on television proclaiming in violent imagery and with gusto to a large and rapt audience that he is ready to "blow away" his Islamic enemies. It is time to examine our notions of "Judeo-Christian" values when a former candidate for president of the United States and president of the "Christian" Family Research Council, declares on Sunday morning news that the tragic figure of a heroin-addicted youth is, in fact, the devil and should be locked away in prison for life.

And, I think it's time to examine the theistic image of God, the paternal father figure up in the sky, when President George W. Bush explains to Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, that, as president, he took the U.S. to war with Iraq at the beckoning of God. My God wasn't supportive of an invasion of Iraq.

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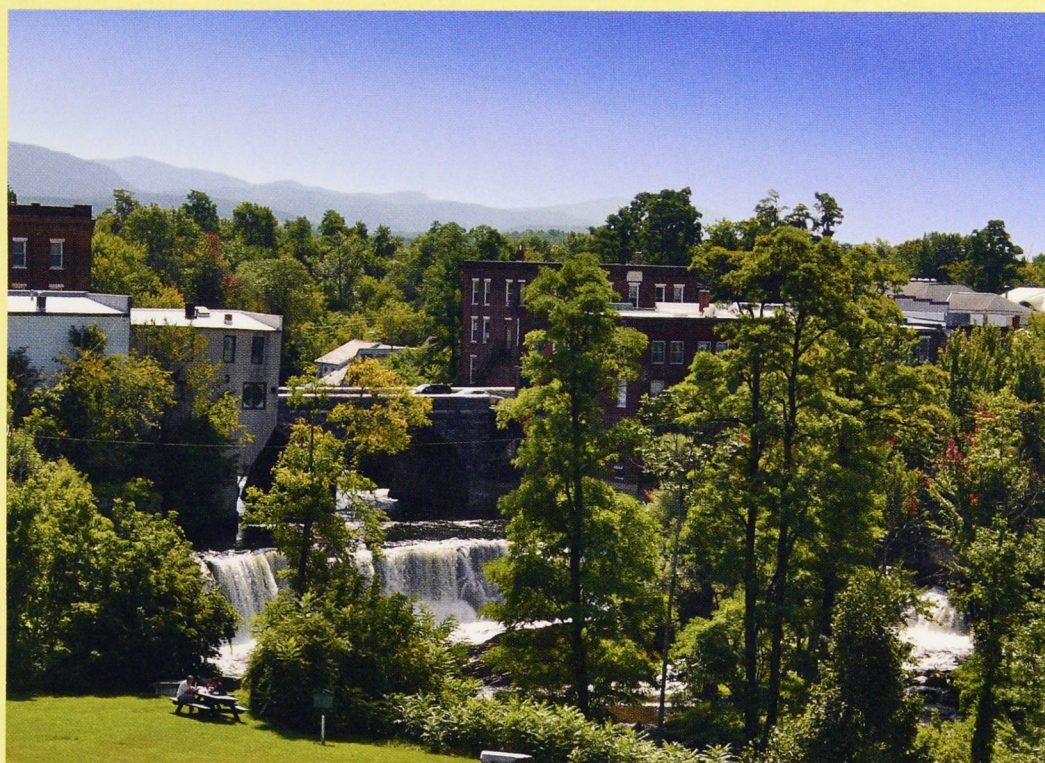


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and ignorance, adopted to explain the unknown at a time before science and reason? If we embrace the notion of a theistic God, always there to intervene, to make things right if we're righteous, and as a convenient rationalization for our actions, then it would seem we are freed of any obligation to take responsibility for those actions.

By all means, carry on this discussion of "Faith and Reason" at Middlebury. The clash of those ideals is a major historical force with which today's students will have to come to terms. As for me, I will continue to embrace the wisdom of Jesus, the man, as well as the mysteries of the spirit.

*Dave Brautigam '69
Huntington, Vermont*

Recommended Reading

Your cover story, "Of Faith and Reason," caught my eye, especially with the cover heading, "Does God Exist?" Unfortunately, I was completely misled by the scrawl on the board. There is no mention whatsoever of the existence or non-existence of a Creator Being.

As an atheist, I am quite shocked to read that Harvard is contemplating the incorporation of religion as required study. On the other hand, it is also enlightening to find that Middlebury is "areligious" and even antireligious.

For readers to get a different viewpoint from Matt Jennings's one-sided assessment of the benefits of religion, I recommend Richard Dawkins's new book, *The God Delusion*.

*Gerald Lunderville, M.A. Spanish, '69
Long Beach, California*

Explain Yourself

Admittedly a casual reader of your magazine, I nonetheless found myself wondering about editorial choices—how you decide what to include and what to omit, or what perspective to take.

For example, I asked myself whether or not the discussion of religion ("Of Faith and Reason," winter 2007) was illuminated by the unrelated question—"Does God Exist?"—promiscuously scrawled across the cover.

Similarly, in the piece on John G. Roberts Jr. ("Hail to the Chief"), I

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wondered how the inclusion of a young woman's assessment of the man—"What a babe"—served your purpose.

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George Viglirolo, M.A. English '71
Boston, Massachusetts

Editors' Note: We apologize to those readers who were confused by the cover of the winter issue. In choosing an image of a student writing "Does God Exist?" on a blackboard to illustrate our cover story, "Of Faith and Reason," we wanted to address a primary question brought up in the story: Is religion a conversation stopper at Middlebury? It was never our intention to address the question "Does God Exist?" What we wanted to know was this: Is Middlebury a place where such a query can be discussed?

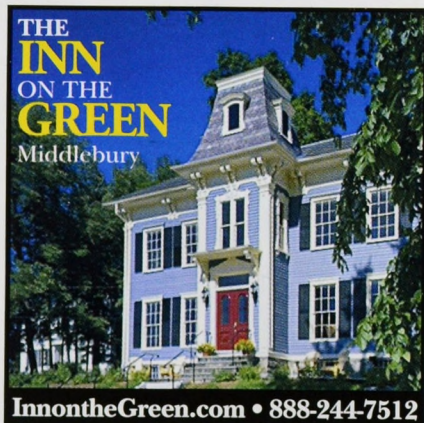
With All Due Respect

Although no great fan of Bill Clinton, I was stunned by the grotesque caricature of him that the magazine chose to run alongside its announcement that the former president will be delivering the Commencement address at Middlebury this year ("Hail to the Chief, Part 2," winter 2007). You've invited the guy to give a speech and receive an honorary degree (no doubt with an eye to the publicity you'll gain by his presence on campus)—at least have the courtesy to show him a little respect when you tell people he's coming.

Karen Freund '84
Algonquin, Illinois

Positive Role Model?

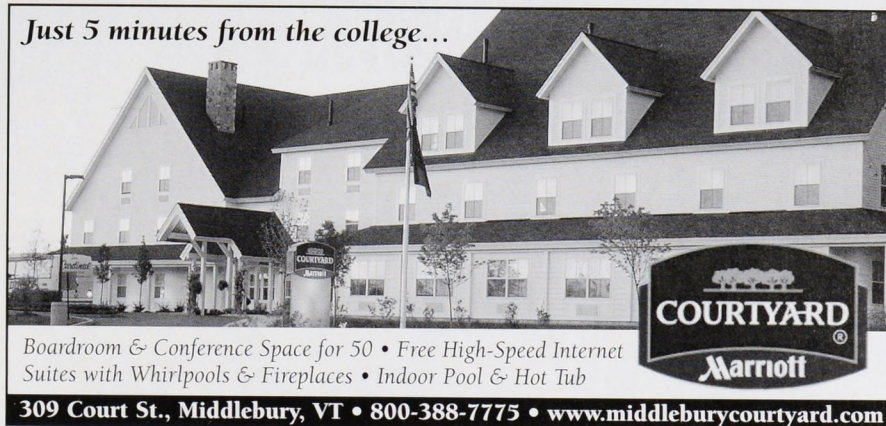
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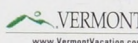
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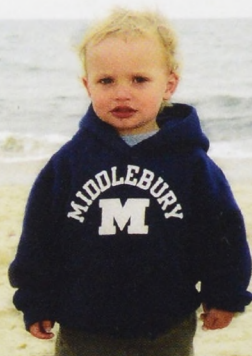
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those within our extended global community, this is the best candidate the College could come up with to inspire, motivate, or portray as a true role model for our 2007 graduating class?

Members of the selection committee ought to be ashamed of themselves. Better yet, rescind the invitation.

*John M. Coates '79
Arlington Heights, Illinois*

No to Clinton

In the winter 2007 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, I noticed "Hail to the Chief, Part 2" indicating that Bill Clinton will deliver the 2007 Commencement address at Middlebury on May 27. Also, he will receive an honorary degree.

I am writing to express my concern over this selection. I would have preferred the College select a less polarizing, controversial, and more meritorious figure upon whom to bestow its honors. I realize there will be objections to my position, but as one with a long connection to the College—M.A. '56 and D.M.L. '74 French—and a contributor to the annual fund-raising campaigns, I feel the need to express my views.

*Audrey Bratman Tarchine,
M.A. French '56, D.M.L. French '74
Catalina, Arizona*

Constitutional Law 101

I was deeply disappointed by the faculty and student response to the endowed professorship honoring the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist ("Judging Rehnquist," winter 2007). To characterize his positions as "hostile" to under-represented groups demonstrated flawed reasoning and an appalling lack of understanding of the U.S. Constitution. As Chief Justice he cast *one* of nine votes. His only power was that of persuasion. His legal philosophy/interpretation may not have benefited minorities, but he did not write hostilely of minorities.

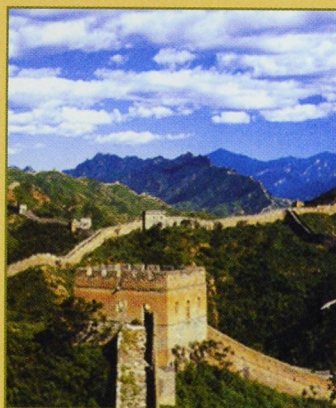
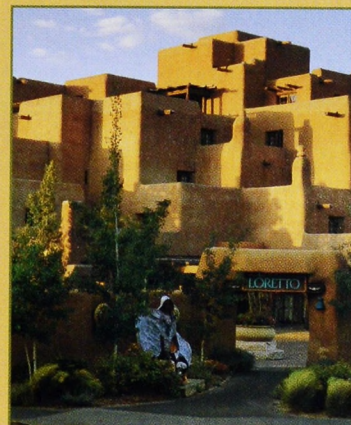
Chief Justice Rehnquist was a conservative. I disagree with many of his decisions because his reasoning violated a core principle of conservatism, the rights of the individual over those of the state. I believe his strong advocacy for the separation of powers, the cornerstone of our democracy, may prove

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to be his most enduring legacy. Chief Justice Rehnquist was a powerful intellect and a serious student and writer of history. Indeed, these are the attributes that qualify his memory on an academic campus, and Middlebury College should be proud to be the recipient of this endowed chair.

For the record, I find the idea insulting that the administration will work with student leaders to create an endowed professorship of the student choosing as a sort of offset. With all due

respect to the pious community, I think Middlebury would be better served by a Constitution Awareness month than a Religious Awareness month.

*Hugh L. Spitzer '58
Bethesda, Maryland*

Line in the Sand

President Ron Liebowitz is to be congratulated for finally drawing a line in the sand and standing up to the Middlebury College staff and student body who comprise the liberal community

and who sought to create an endowed professorship catering to their own ideas ("Judging Rehnquist," winter 2007). As President Liebowitz stated, it "diminishes, quite ironically, the very thing it seeks—the institution's commitment to diversity."

*Claus Mueller '61
Issaquah, Washington*

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Remembering Stafford

Reading of the death of Robert Stafford '35 (Obituaries, winter 2007) took me back to the fall of 1943 when about 16 women moved into the Deke house, as most Middlebury men were in the service. Of course, we had to have a house-mother, and Robert's mother agreed to move up from Rutland, decamping to a sunny room on the south side of the building to serve in that capacity. Mrs. Stafford was a lovely person who listened to our many concerns about brothers and boyfriends away at war, but I particularly recall her telling me many times how worried she was about her son Robert who was serving and perhaps commanding a ship in the Navy in the South Pacific. How proud she must have been in later years to know of all his achievements.

*Barbara Busing Harris '46
Laconia, New Hampshire*

One and Only

Professor Christopher Klyza glossed over one of the major accomplishments of Senator Stafford although he did mention it in passing (Obituaries, winter 2007). I am sure that the senator's rise to the rank of lieutenant colonel, as stated by the good professor, is unique in the annals of the United States Navy. There have been many lieutenant commanders, but to my knowledge Stafford is the only lieutenant colonel!

*Kimber Smith '53
Johns Island, South Carolina*

Learn the Ranks

I read with interest the obituary for Bob Stafford '35 in the winter issue. Of particular note was that "he joined the Navy and rose to lieutenant colonel." Bob and I were briefly in the same naval reserve unit, and I never saw him wear

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an Army or Marine Corps uniform. (The only two branches of the service that have that rank!) The editorial staff needs to take a course in the ranks of our fellow military men and women.

*Rich Miner '58,
Commander, USNR (Ret.)
Tavares, Florida*

Editors' Note: Kimber Smith and Commander Miner are correct. Senator Stafford was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, not a lieutenant colonel. We regret the error.

A Lasting Legacy

It is with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of Kim Sparks—professor, mentor, and friend (Obituaries, winter 2007). Herr Sparks has occupied a place of honor in my memory. In particular, I recall a winter term during sophomore year spent reading Rilke in his class, while longing for the ski slopes. Herr Sparks challenged me to move beyond my immediate interest in Mad River as well as my rudimentary understanding of Deutsche Grammatik—to consider the life of the mind as embodied in the ideas

and language of such writers as Goethe and Dürrenmatt.

In 1981, I had the good fortune to spend two terms in Mainz, immersing myself in German literature and culture with the intellectual guidance of Kim and the support of his always-gracious wife Suzann. These moments, as well as others enjoyed in his Cornwall kitchen with fellow German students, have shaped my consciousness of the world at large and my place within it in more ways than I can express.

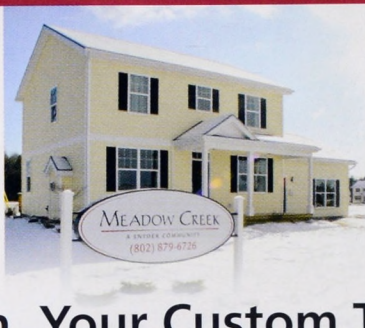
Glücklicher Reise, Herr Sparks.

*Anne Bailey Burridge '83
Newburyport, Massachusetts*

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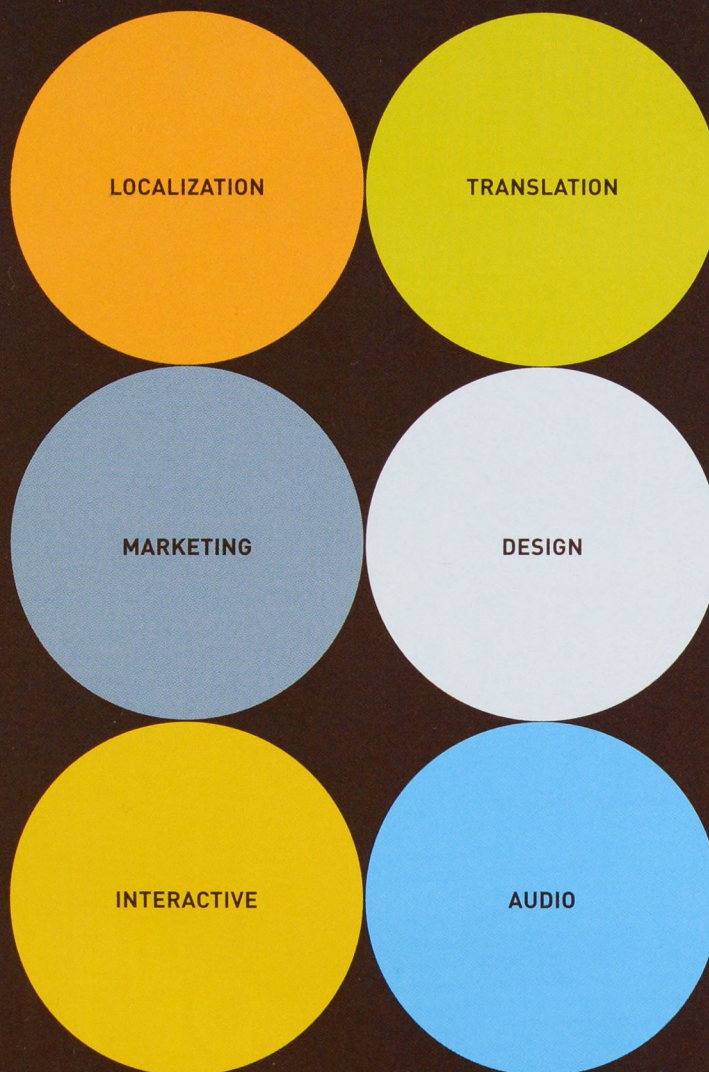
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PATRIOT ACT

On the fourth anniversary of the start of the Iraq War, students arranged 3,500 American flags—one for each American life lost in Iraq—outside the student center. Photograph by Vlad Lodoaba '06

Wiki Warning

IT BEGAN, INNOCENTLY ENOUGH, as a recurring error on a history exam last fall.

Japanese studies professor Neil Waters was grading exams for his course on premodern Japan when he noticed something odd: in test book after test book, students had consistently provided an incorrect answer to a question concerning the Shimabara Rebellion—and they had all answered it the same way.

Though stunned at first, Waters soon had a hunch as to the source of the erroneous information and within minutes he had confirmation. The culprit was Wikipedia, the “multilingual, Web-based, free content encyclopedia project . . . written collaboratively by volunteers.” Handy? Yes. A reliable resource for scholarly work? No.

Fearing that students would cite erroneous information found on Wikipedia in the future, Waters immediately tapped out a policy stating that the online resource was not an acceptable citation. At the next department meeting, he brought up the issue and it took the assembled faculty less than two minutes to approve it.

But the debate surrounding the issue was just beginning.

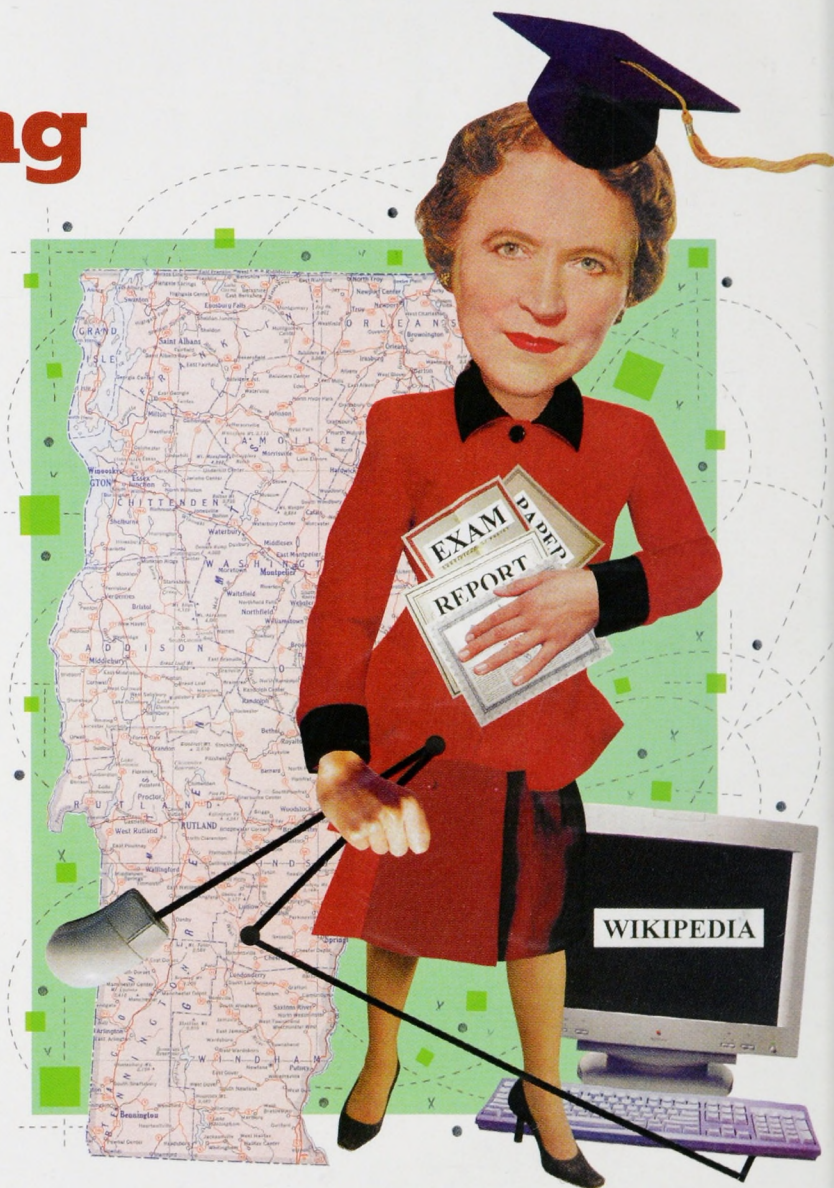
After attending a history class early in winter term in which Assistant Professor Amy Morsman mentioned the department’s stance on Wikipedia, Brian Fung ’10 wrote a story for the *Middlebury Campus* with this statement:

“Faculty members of the College’s Department of History recently passed a resolution forbidding students from using online interactive encyclopedia Wikipedia for academic assignments.”

Fung’s story was noticed by the *Burlington Free Press*, which followed with one of its own, as did the *New York Times*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Associated Press*, *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*, and more blogs than one could conceivably count.

In a delicious bit of irony, Fung’s initial story—and much of the blog vitriol—was based on an erroneous assumption: that the history department had forbidden students from using Wikipedia for academic assignments. The policy simply stated that students may not *cite* the Web site, just as a student would never cite *any* encyclopedia when conducting college-level work. “In a way, it’s beating a dead horse,” Morsman says. “But we have to raise the level of awareness to make sure students are careful.”

Jason Mittell, an assistant professor of American studies and film and media culture, agrees that Wikipedia shouldn’t be cited in academic work, but he’s concerned that the frenzy engulfing the issue has turned into a pro-or-con-Wiki confrontation.



“It’s more than a two-sided issue,” Mittell observes. “It’s an issue of teaching information literacy. A Middlebury student should come equipped with such a skill. The site is fluid and there is no gatekeeper, but check the history of an entry and realize how many cooks are making the soup. The authority on a topic now rises from the output, rather than the predefined credentials of the writer.”

On campus, there is actually more common ground than disagreement. Members of the history department and advocates for a wider use of Wikipedia both agree on the volatility of the site, as well as its usefulness as a starting point on a topic, with Morsman describing Wikipedia as “a great springboard.”

But, for a generation that has grown up with conventional bookshelves, such a distinction is one that has not been readily apparent. Until now.

—Alex Crumb '07

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applied to Middlebury

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Approximate spots available
for incoming first-years

34
Percentage increase in
the number of applicants
since 2005

23
Acceptance rate percentage

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Percentage increase in
the number of students
of color who have applied
since 2005

78
Percentage of students who
applied online

Sick Spruce

THE OLDEST PLANTED TREE ON CAMPUS IS AILING.

The stately Norway spruce that for nearly 150 years has stood down the hill and in the shadow of Old Chapel was apparently struck by lightning last summer. Trauma to the evergreen was discovered late last fall, when a large section of bark peeled off revealing a jagged crack down the tree's trunk.

Testing conducted by the horticultural lab at Cornell University proved to be inconclusive, but horticulturalists were able to diagnose an abiotic—an environmental, rather than a pathogenic—cause.

Tim Parsons, the College's staff horticulturalist, says that a team has been working feverishly to save the tree—removing dead wood and loose bark, deep feeding the roots, and “vertically” mulching the soil (drilling three-inch holes a foot-and-a-half into the ground and filling the space with compost).

Parsons says that he will continue to monitor the spruce, but that the prognosis for the great tree is negative.

For now, the spruce still stands sentry outside the new library.

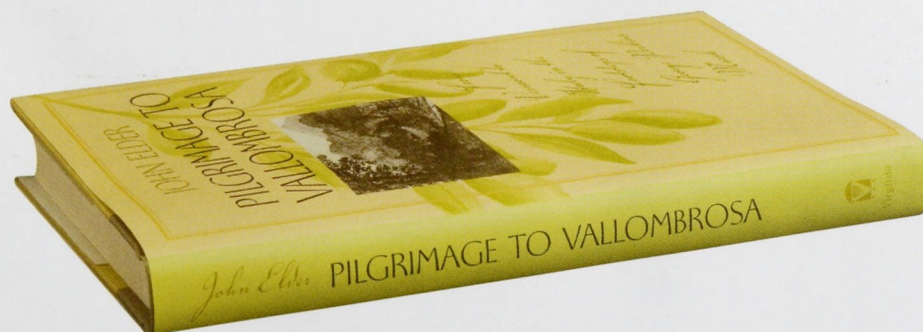
In the Footsteps of a Giant

BILL MCKIBBEN HAS SAID of John Elder's latest book, *Pilgrimage to Vallombrosa*: “[it] is one of the soundest, deepest books about the relationship between people and nature that I've ever read. It will be a classic.”

High praise from one of the world's preeminent nature writers, but praise well deserved.

After receiving a Fulbright Fellowship, Elder, a professor of English, spent a year following a trail blazed both literally and figuratively by the 19th-century writer George Perkins Marsh (*Man and Nature*), who is widely regarded as the nation's first environmentalist.

Elder's travels took him from Vermont (Marsh was born in Woodstock) to Italy and back again. His stunningly beautiful prose illuminates a journey of both body and spirit (Marsh's and Elder's), and the resulting narrative transcends the conventional categories of memoir and travel writing. As McKibben notes, the “classic” category will suit *Pilgrimage* just fine.



Observed

■ **A Valentine's Day blizzard** hammered the campus, dumping more than two feet of snow in the Champlain Valley and forcing the cancellation of classes for the first time in nearly a decade. In addition to the snow, temperatures hovered near zero and winds topped out above 30 miles per hour. According to the National Weather Service, the blizzard was the second largest in the region in more than a century.

■ **In February**, President Liebowitz announced the establishment of a College-wide project on Creativity and Innovation in the Liberal Arts. The goal of the initiative, Liebowitz said, is to develop an environment in which students can exercise creativity, pursue innovation, and become more comfortable with intellectual risk-taking. Elizabeth Hackett Robinson '84 was hired as director. ■ **The Bloomberg news service** reported that Middlebury led all liberal arts schools in fund raising for the 2006 fiscal year, raising a school-record \$61.5 million. ■

■ **Paul Rusesabagina**, the former hotel manager who saved more than 1,000 lives during the Rwandan genocide in 1994, spoke before a standing-room-only crowd in Mead Chapel in early March. By the conclusion of his talk, there was hardly a dry eye in the house. ■ **Associate Professor of Chemistry** Rick Bunt recently received the 2007 Perkins Award for teaching excellence. The high honor recognizes teaching excellence in the natural sciences or math.

■ **Three proposals** written by Middlebury students were among the 100 selected in the Kathryn Wasserman Davis 100 Projects for Peace program.

continued

Whoa, Food!

ON A SUN-DAPPLED, LATE-OCTOBER MORNING IN NORTHERN ITALY, more than 9,000 people from 150 countries wandered the streets of Torino and spilled into the Olympic Oval for what can best be described as a global gastronomical gathering.

Among the farmers, breeders, fishermen, and chefs on hand for Terra Madre 2006, a biennial conference held by the Slow Food community, was an official Middlebury delegation: Director of Dining Services Matthew Biette, Emily Peterson '08, Jon Warnow '07, and Jay Leshinsky, the adviser to the College's organic garden. (A number of recent graduates, who all played a significant role in Middlebury's organic garden, were attending, as well.)

The Slow Food movement is exactly what it sounds like. Founded in 1989, Slow Food is a network of producers and co-producers (what others may call consumers, a term Slow Foodies don't like because it discounts the importance of maintaining a close connection with the producers) who "believe that the food [one] eats should taste good; that it should be produced in a clean way; and that its producers should receive fair remuneration for their work." Middlebury professor John Elder (who also attended Terra Madre 2006) has referred to it as "tasting the distinctiveness of a landscape," an experience where one not only savors the locally produced food, but also savors the cultural history behind it. In more practical terms, it also can mean the survival of small, independent farmers and traditional foods.

Terra Madre 2006 featured workshops on sustainable farming, food anthropology, and social justice, while also offering a valuable networking opportunity for third-world producers to find markets for their traditional foods.

Leshinsky says that the Midd folks went primarily to learn



more about how institutional buyers can support local producers, but they quickly found that they—and Middlebury—were a model that *others* wanted to emulate. "As an academic institution that is also an institutional buyer, we have a great opportunity to really educate a lot of people," Leshinsky says. "That's one of the main things we brought back with us."

Since returning, the group has held regular meetings, with plans to organize a Slow Food conference in Vermont, and, further down the line, a symposium at the College. The group is particularly interested in exploring the criticism that the movement is about a class-oriented issue. As Emily Peterson has discussed on her blog, "Slow Food is frequently criticized as a group that caters to the elite—if you're living on food stamps and working three jobs, how can you possibly prepare a sumptuous, slow-cooked meal for your family every night?" It's a valid point, Peterson acknowledges, but as the delegation learned in Torino, there are a host of third-world producers in dire need, their product and culture desperate for outlets.

Quote/Unquote

"With words, you can kill. But with words, you can also save lives."

—Paul Rusesabagina, former general manager of the Mille Collines hotel in Kigali, Rwanda.

Sweet Honey and The Rocks

BESIDES BEING A MOUTHFUL, an inductively coupled argon plasma spectrometer is capable of heating objects to roughly 15,000 degrees Fahrenheit—hotter than the surface of the sun. The spectrometer can reduce anything that can be turned to liquid to its most basic form. It can turn rock into elemental vapor.

The College owns one of these instruments, and recently an interested party put some maple syrup in it. Fortunately, the syrup wasn't too sticky, which was an initial worry.

A few years ago, a simple conversation during sugaring season between professors John Elder and Jeffrey Munroe raised a question that most in the maple syrup business had already pondered but none had ever scientifically posed: is there a difference between the tastes in syrups from different parts of Vermont? And if so, what causes the difference? The answer to the first question was a simple yes. The second, too, had an intuitive answer. The roots of Vermont's ancient maples course through different types of soil and clutch various types of bedrock in different parts of the state. But finding a provable scientific cause obviously required something more than intuition. Like, say, an inductively coupled argon plasma spectrometer

"I think we had a beginner's mindset when we approached this project," says Elder, a professor of English and environmental studies. "Our approach was very fresh."

Elder, Munroe, and a handful of students collected samples of maple syrup from

18 different sugar bushes situated around Vermont; the locales were strategically selected, featuring bedrock that ranged from limestone to shale to pelitic schist.

Using the spectrometer, Lee Corbett '07, a geology major, and Munroe, an assistant professor of geology, methodically vaporized one syrup sample after another, precisely tracking the mineral makeup of each. The results were as expected: a syrup's elemental composition was in direct correlation to the bedrock over which its source was rooted. But statistically proving that there was a difference between sugars was not a sufficiently delicious victory.

In stepped food anthropologist Amy Trubeck, a faculty member in the University of Vermont's nutrition and food sciences department. Trubeck designed a blind/random tasting designed to see just how great the differences were.

The concept is similar to *terroir*, a French term applied in winemaking that relates soil and weather conditions to the personality of the wine. What sort of bounty will the land yield, even if the crop is the same, in one area versus another?

"There's such a vocabulary involved," Corbett says. "We were all involved with the tasting. At first, [the syrups] were all overwhelmingly sweet, but you develop a palette quickly. Some were fruity, others less so; it's a startlingly wide range. And to be involved with the data behind each sample, you began to really taste something elemental."

Like much of Vermont, the delicate beauty of syrup is a product of the environment. It's as much a part of the state as fall foliage or skiing or mud season. A sugaring scene is on the back of the state's quarter. And it is as unstable as our current environment.

"The environmental movement is on a hinge," Elder says. "The average bite of food travels 1,500 miles to get to the American plate, and local foods have the potential to conserve land and community in a time of climate change."

The hope now is that statistically backed analysis of the subtle differences between Vermont's famous syrups will spur awareness of how sharply the distinct variations could be altered if their land is altered. Individual identity of each sugar bush is even clearer now, and the desire to protect this product of the environment—forests, rivers, the very soil itself—must grow as well.

"Such distinction in syrup would put smaller places on the map," Elder adds. "People will *know* of their value and of the cultural and economic value of small sugarmakers in Vermont."

Adds Munroe: "This research could become a powerful marketing tool for smaller-scale producers. If we could show that there's a foundation behind these claims, that'd be amazing. And honestly, we haven't found one that tasted bad."

—Alex Crumb '07

The winning Middlebury projects were "Building a Peaceful Future: A Workshop for the Old City of Jerusalem," by Daphne Lasky '07; "Storytelling in Uganda," by Aylie Baker '09, Leah Bevis '09, Vijay Chowdhari '09, and Chris O'Connell '09; and "Enlightening Pakistan," by Hamza Arshed Usmani '10 and Shujaat Ali Khan '10. Each project will receive a \$10,000 grant. ■ **Professor of History and President Emeritus** John M. McCardell Jr. has launched a nonprofit organization (Choose Responsibility), which is campaigning to lower the drinking age to 18. According to its Web site, Choose Responsibility was founded to stimulate informed and dispassionate public discussion about the presence of alcohol in American culture. ■ **On the morning of March 19**, the campus awoke to 3,500 miniature American flags placed in rows between Storrs Walk and McCullough. The flags—one for each American life lost in the Iraq War—were placed in the snow the previous evening. ■ **In April**, the College announced that the comprehensive and student activity fees for the 2007–08 academic year will total \$46,910, a 5.25 percent increase from the previous year. ■ **Both the men's and women's hockey teams** advanced to national title games before falling to defeat. The men lost to Oswego in overtime, 4–3. The women dropped a 2–1 decision to Plattsburgh. ■ **Bill Hageman** passed away after a yearlong battle with cancer. Hageman, who for years served as a pitching coach for the College baseball team, was 64.

Pipe Dream

Before leaving Middlebury, there was one last challenge this Feb wanted to meet.

BY DAVID BARKER '07

JOSH HENDRICKSON '07 WAS GRIMACING when I walked into the Gifford Annex Lounge one evening in late January.

Testing the reeds on his Scottish Highland bagpipes, Hendrickson huffed into the octopus-like instrument and a shrill wail filled the room.

More grimacing.

"Oh, that's painful," he said, before launching into another test of the stiff, Spanish cane reeds.

Another wail, only not as shrill as the first.

Hendrickson rested the assembly on his left shoulder and inflated the Gore-Tex bag.

The drones—three cylindrical tubes, each equipped with a reed—hummed to life. As Hendrickson's fingers found the chanter, he gave the bag a squeeze, and a melody (with harmony provided by the drones) reverberated through the room.

My head rang. The music was clearly intended for precipitous mountain valleys, not this stuffy dorm lounge.

"So, can I give it a shot at some point?" I yelled.

Hendrickson stopped playing, the melody jolted to a halt, and he turned toward me with a shrug.

"Sure."

For the past month,

five of us had been grinding through Hendrickson and Ian Hough's third annual Bagpip-ing for Dummies winter term workshop. For this last class we would finally get a chance to play the full bagpipes after a month of practice on just the chanter (the melody pipe), and I was about to get in an early session before everyone else arrived.

But that story comes later. You see, it wouldn't be fair to relate my first try with the full Highland bagpipes unless you knew of the struggle leading up to the final class.

I couldn't have been more of a music dummy at the beginning of the term. As a child, I ditched the piano after only two classes, literally running back to the baseball diamond from my teacher's house. On my first day of bagpip-ing, Hough and Hendrickson distributed beginner exercises. I squinted at the notes. After four years at Middlebury, I might have found the toughest challenge yet.

Luckily, I wasn't alone. Of the five of us, only Nicole Grohoski '05 and Jon King '09 knew how to read music. Anne Christopher '07, Alex Taylor '09, and I stared blankly at what might as well have been Sanskrit. (Fortunately, one of the sheets showed a more user-friendly picture of



the correct fingering on the chanter.)

The chanter is the most critical part of the bagpipe assembly; all the melody and action happens on the foot-and-a-half-long pipe that

BAGPIPING FOR DUMMIES

When he enrolled in the winter term course, Barker didn't know how to read music, much less play the pipes.

resembles a skinnier version of the recorder. A louder chanter differentiates the Highland bagpipes from pipes found in other regions. Seven fingers cover the front seven holes and the left thumb covers the lone hole on the back. Each hole corresponds to a note—low A to high A. The low G, played with all holes covered, does not actually have its own hole. To maximize speed, pipers cover the holes with the part of the



finger between the first and second joint, instead of the pads of the fingers as other wind musicians do.

That first week, we struggled to play each note. The fingering felt awkward,

even painful. "It's a weird fine motor skill that you don't really use," said Hough, referring to the placement of the fingers. My left thumb had long turned white after pressing too hard. Worst of all, I forgot to breathe, and ended by gasping for air. Our collective efforts produced a cacophony of squawking. People passing by would have thought the lounge was full of geese.

"The main reason we

to the heads of the neighborhood association to try to set hours for Hendrickson's playing and to ban him from playing on holidays. Luckily, the association heads lived just on the other side of Hendrickson and enjoyed the music. "The great thing about the pipes is that 99 percent of people love to hear you play," said Hough.

On the battlefields in Scotland and England the piercing music incited soldiers

Imagine inflating a stiff balloon, holding someone in a headlock, and typing all at the same time.

meet twice a week is so you guys have to practice for at least an hour," said Hendrickson. I was eager to practice, just concerned about where. I would wait until my suite was empty and then slip the reed into the practice chanter and connect the blowpipe. A wayward right pinky—my principal tic—would often miss its hole, producing a sound akin to an adolescent boy's voice.

Even experienced bagpipers have to deal with the blaring sound of the pipes. "It's a little intimidating to practice," said Hough. One Fourth of July, Hendrickson entertained family and friends at his house in southern Vermont with the Highland pipes. His neighbors wouldn't take it. "[The neighbors] said the bagpipes were so loud that they couldn't talk at their party," he said. The next day, the annoyed neighbors went

and mourned the dead. "No Highland regiment ever went without pipes," said Hough. Indeed, the first (and only) song that I would learn (OK, one verse of it), "Scots Wha Hae," alludes to battle. Legend has it that the lyrics to the tune came from a speech given by Robert the Bruce before the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, when Scotland fought the English in the first Scottish war of independence.

I picked up "Scots Wha Hae" after the third week, and even added grace notes, the quick taps that accentuate and break up identical notes played in succession. Even on the practice chanter, the tune had the characteristic melody of the bagpipes. The real challenge, however, waited at the final class.

Hendrickson helped position the two tenor drones and the bass drone on my left shoulder. The goose-shaped

bag fit snugly between my left upper arm and side. My fingers found the holes on the chanter, except the holes were much larger and farther apart.

I began to inflate the bag. The drones responded. "It takes a little getting used to," said Hendrickson. "It's a tough reed. I'm not going to lie about it." I felt light-headed and thought I might pass out. Imagine inflating a stiff balloon, holding someone in a headlock, and typing all at the same time. I squeezed the bag taut.

A couple of sputtering squawks, and then silence. I barely had a chance to move my fingers and create melody with the chanter.

The bag slowly deflated along with my hopes of donning a kilt and skipping through the hills one day. Hendrickson and Hough offered consolation; it took them over six months to move from the practice chanter to the bagpipes. The one verse of "Scots Wha Hae" would have to do for now. Maybe I'll give the piano another shot. 🐾

David Barker '07 wrote about fly-fishing in the summer 2006 magazine.

A Feb, he moved out to Montana in March, and he took his bagpipes with him.

He says that he plays that one verse of "Scots Wha Hae" at least three times a day.

STAR WHITE

Though its blossoms lend an appearance of snow-covered branches, there's no surer sign of spring on campus than a flowering star magnolia.

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SAY WHAT !?!

IF TODAY'S STUDENTS ARE TO BECOME GOOD

CITIZENS OF THE WORLD,

THEY'LL NEED TO BE ABLE TO ARGUE EFFECTIVELY.

BY JAY HEINRICHS '77

"YOU KNOW WHY AMERICANS ARE SO FAT? THEY DRINK TOO MUCH WATER."

It was late at night on the Italian Riviera, and I was eating with two local entrepreneurs, Gianni and Carlo, in the beautiful seaside town of Sestri Levanti. We had already debated politics, the state of education, even the fish population in the Mediterranean (we were in a fish restaurant, and the owner joined in). After a couple of hours and too much wine, Gianni took up the subject of water. "I went to America last month, everybody is with a bottle of water. And"—he leaned significantly across the table—"everybody is fat."

This launched an argument that took us through another bottle or two of (non-fattening) wine. You could hardly call it high discourse, and I doubt that Gianni even believed what he said. But he was following the age-old European custom that turns argument into a bonding experience.

If it weren't for the wine, I would have shrunk in embarrassment. People at other tables were looking at us, and they were laughing—with us, most likely, but still. Here in the States, only the rude and the insane disagree in public conversation.

Then again, our aversion to argument is part of our tradition, right? Not if you go back before the mid-nineteenth century. Europeans who visited the States early in our history commented on how argumentative *we* were. What happened?

What happened was that we lost the ability to argue. At the same time, we forgot the principles that every college student once learned, which foster deliberative argument and, dare I say it, good citizenship.

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LATELY I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT about the making of citizens, mainly because my daughter, Dorothy Jr., will graduate from college this spring, and my son, George, began his first year at Middlebury this past fall. While Dorothy is deciding whether to go to medical school or study the Middle Ages, George has the first-year student's luxury of dreaming about a still-grander future.

During dinner at Fire and Ice recently, I asked him what he thought he'd like to do someday. "I'd like to save the world," he said. I think he meant it literally. I say all power to him, and I mean that literally as well. College should enhance whatever powers George and his mates have to save this sorry planet we're bequeathing. I'm happy to report that faculty at Middlebury and other schools are beginning to talk about the need for the liberal arts to develop these powers.

Professor Paul Nelson calls it developing "a civically responsible human." Those words came as a surprise. Until recently, I never heard college professors referring to "good citizenship," even ironically. The mission statements of most elite colleges do not exactly emphasize that outcome—or any outcome for that matter. Most recite a litany of comfortably vague terms, often having to do with the experience of academia rather than its product: "highest quality education" (Williams); "open the minds of students" (Harvard); "love of learning" (Dartmouth). These are all fine ideals but none of the mission statements among Middlebury's competitors actually talks about preparing students for life beyond academe. Neither did Middlebury, until recently. But I was delighted to discover that the College recently adopted a new mission statement that lists qualities "essential for leadership." Through their studies, the statement concludes, "students who come to Middlebury learn to engage the world."

A similar sense of purpose can be found in the report issued by the federal Spelling Commission on higher education late last year. College, it said, should prepare students to become "lifelong learners, productive workers, and engaged citizens." Students at elite schools might object to the part about productive workers; but if Middlebury helped my son grow into a lifelong learner and good citizen, I for one would be satisfied. And if George went on to save the world, so much the better.

But how does a college go about fostering good citizenship? One excellent approach was employed with great success for some 2,500 years: rhetoric, the art of persuasion. The notion of teaching rhetoric will doubtless raise some academic eyebrows. Sure,

college should instill critical thinking in its students, but why put persuasion at the center of a liberal education?

One answer would be to turn the question back on the questioners: Why did the ancients—who *invented* liberal studies—place rhetoric first among its disciplines?

But here's an even better reason: We have become a nation of dupes. Earlier, more rhetorical generations revered the art of persuasion even while their education inoculated them from its seamier aspects. Compare their sophistication with that of our own culture. We're astonishingly vulnerable to persuasion.

Our futile attempts at "campaign reform" have demonstrated our rhetorical ineptitude. We bemoan the growing power of money in politics—our elected officials have turned into fund raisers who moonlight at serving the public—but what, exactly, does that earnestly grubbed money buy? Ward heelers don't still dispense dollar bills and free lunches, at least where I live. But campaign funds don't have to buy elections directly, as long as they can buy advertising. We consumers—sorry, *voters*—do the rest. Before we can reform our elections, we have to reform ourselves, by dedicating a portion of liberal education to rhetoric—persuasion's art, and its most powerful inoculant.

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I STUMBLED UPON RHETORIC some 15 years ago while wandering through Dartmouth College's library. I was flipping through books at random, and in a dim corner of the stacks I came upon a large section devoted to classical rhetoric. A dusty, maroon-red volume attributed to John Quincy Adams sat at eye level. I flipped it open and felt like an indoor Coronado. Here lay treasure.

The volume, which bore Adams' personal autograph, contained a set of rhetorical lectures that he taught to undergraduates at Harvard College from 1805 to 1809, when he was a United States Senator commuting between Massachusetts and Washington. In his first class, the paunchy, balding 38-year-old urged his goggling teenagers to "catch from the relics of ancient oratory those unresisted powers, which mould the mind of man to the will of the speaker, and yield the guidance of the nation to the dominion of the voice." To me that sounded more like hypnosis than politics, which was sort of cool in a "Manchurian Candidate" way.

In the years since, while reading all I could of rhetoric, I came to realize that the powers Adams described are real, however antique his language may sound today. Rhetoric means more than grand oratory, more than "using words... to influence or persuade," as Webster's defines it. It teaches us to argue without anger. And it offers a chance to tap into a source of social power that I never knew existed.

You could say that rhetoric talked me into itself.

The ancients considered rhetoric an essential skill of leadership. It taught them to speak and write persuasively, produce something to say on any occasion, and make people like them



when they spoke. After the ancient Greeks invented it, rhetoric helped create the world's first democracy. It trained Roman orators like Marcus Tullius Cicero and statesmen like Julius Caesar. In Elizabethan England, it gave us the grandest translation of the Bible, and it inspired William Shakespeare, our greatest dramatist. Every one of America's founders studied rhetoric, and they called on that knowledge when the time came to write the Constitution.

Yet rhetoric faded in academia during the 1800s, after social scientists began dismissing the belief that an individual could change the course of history, insisting instead that history was gov-

erned by inexorable forces. Who wants to teach leadership when academia has lost its belief in leaders?

A few remarkable people continued to study the art—in the early 1800s, Middlebury students formed a debating club called the Philomathesian Society, meeting weekly to argue the political issues of the day—but by the time I began borrowing rhetoric books at Dartmouth, most hadn't been checked out for a century and more. This Ivy League university had so thoroughly forgotten rhetoric, a discipline which once rivaled poetry in the academic pantheon, that nearly all the volumes lacked international book numbers. The librarians sighed whenever I came to the desk with a fresh lot.

Nevertheless, you can still hear faint echoes of the art in modern-day discourse. The who-what-when-where-why of journalism comes straight from Cicero, who said that an orator should cover all those bases during the "narration" of a speech. Many medical terms—metastasis, antistasis, epistasis, metalepsis—come from figures of speech. In fact, a host of rhetorically rich words have broken loose from their etymological moorings, changing their meanings in ways that would make them unrecognizable to the ancients—*liberal* ("free"), *candid* ("open-minded"), *heretic* ("self-made philosopher") *hypocrisy* (the act of delivering an argument), *pathetic* (creative use of an audience's emotions). Their negative connotations speak volumes about our distrust of argument.

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THE ART'S DEMISE WOULD SHOCK OUR FOREBEARS; they believed it impossible to govern a republic without rhetorically trained leaders. Everyone who attended the American Constitutional Convention had at least some grounding in it. Jefferson credited Marcus Tullius Cicero and Aristotle with helping inspire the Declaration of Independence—along with the philosopher John Locke, who occupied a chair of rhetoric at Oxford.

Back then, it seemed as though everyone wanted to play the part of Cicero, Rome's greatest orator and rhetorician. Alexander Hamilton liked to sign his anonymous essays with Cicero's nickname, "Tully." Voltaire called Pennsylvania leader John Dickinson a Cicero. John Marshall called Washington a Cicero. Many people thought Patrick Henry, who spoke fluent Latin, to be a first-rate Cicero. Caustic, witty John Adams liked to consider himself the reincarnation of witty, caustic Tully. Adams even recited the silver-tongued Roman's speeches as a sort of daily aerobic workout. "I find it a noble Exercise," he told his diary. "It exercises my Lungs, raises my Spirits, opens my Pores, quickens the Circulation, and so contributes much to [my] health."

All that classical nostalgia had a serious purpose. The American system was more than an experiment in political theory; it also attempted the most ambitious do-over in world history. The Revolution would let history repeat itself, with some major improvements. The most important upgrade was an antidote for factionalism. What had killed democracy in ancient Athens and destroyed the republic in Rome, they believed, was conflict

between economic and social classes. Tribal divisions frightened the Americans even more than kings. The Founders hedged their political bets and established a system of checks and balances. The Senate would represent the aristocracy, being chosen by state legislatures at first; the "plebes," as the Romans called common citizens, would elect the House of Representatives. Together, the two groups would choose the President. Each faction would keep the other out of mischief.

Which begs the question: what with all that checking and balancing, how could anything get done? Their answer lay in rhetoric. The new system would "refine and enlarge" public opinion, Hamilton said, "by passing them through the medium of a chosen body of citizens"—rhetorically trained citizens. The Founders assumed that this natural aristocracy would comprise those with the best liberal education. "Liberal" meant free from dependence on others, and the liberal arts—especially rhetoric—were those that prepared students for their place at the top of the merit system. These gentlemen rhetoricians would compose an informal corps of politically neutral umpires who would serve, Hamilton said, as a collective "impartial arbiter" among the classes. Rhetoricians would probably constitute a minority, but, being neutral by definition, they were bound to hold the swing votes.

The nation had no lack of rhetorically educated candidates. To enter Harvard in the 1700s, prospects had to prove their mastery of Cicero. John Jay read three of Cicero's orations as a requirement of admission to King's College (now Columbia). Before he led



New Jersey's delegation in Philadelphia, John Witherspoon was a professor of rhetoric; James Madison was among his pupils.

Alas, the Founders' classical education failed to prepare them for an enormous political irony: those same leaders who intended to prevent political parties—the enlightened, disinterested few—wound up founding them. Each party, Federalist and Republican, rose to prevent the rise of the other. Each claimed not to be a faction at all; each vowed to oppose faction. Hamilton thought he was defending the rhetorical republic against the democratically inclined Jeffersonians, who, he believed, would encourage factionalism and prevent the election of a liberally educated aristocracy. The Jeffersonians defended the agrarian culture that the ancients had considered essential to personal independence. In fighting what they considered threats to disinterested government—democracy, commercialism—the two coalitions became permanently competing interests.

Hamilton originally thought of the American republic as an experiment that would prove whether people were capable of “establishing a good government from reflection and choice,” or whether they were doomed to depend on “accident and force.” By 1807, as the nation slipped further into factionalism, he had concluded that the experiment was a failure.

Political division brought a shocking collapse of civility. Newspapers of the early 1800s bristled with violent personal attacks and politically motivated allegations of sexual misconduct. Editorialists even went after saints like Benjamin Franklin and George Washington. Hamilton's dreaded “accident and force” replaced deliberation. Political life became mired in a national division—not between social classes, as in Rome, but between sets of deeply held beliefs and values.

The modern politician would have felt right at home.

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THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY'S HISTORY, “values” have fostered periodic breakdowns in political debate, with citizens taking sides around their ideals and forming irreconcilable tribes. When the abolition of slavery competed with states' rights, the result was civil war. While the current division in values is not nearly so severe, tribes are forming nonetheless. In 2005, an *Austin American-Statesman* reporter found that the number of “landslide counties”—where more than 60 percent of residents regularly voted for one party in presidential elections—had doubled since 1976. A majority of Americans now occupy these ideological bubbles.

A tribal mindset has almost ruined what little faith we had in deliberative debate. We think so little of argument that we delegate disagreement to professionals, handing off our arguments to lawyers, radio hosts, public affairs departments, and party hacks. And in the wake of political factionalism, dogmatism, and extremism, a sociopathic incivility smolders all around us: in the aisles of our supermarkets, in the ways employers treat employees, on radio, on television, and, increasingly, on Capitol Hill.

But we make a mistake when we apply the label of “argument” to each nasty exchange. Invective betrays a lack of argument—a collapse of faith in persuasion and consensus. It is no coincidence that red and blue America split apart just when moral

issues began to dominate campaigns—not because one side has morals and the other lacks them, but because such values cannot be the focus of deliberative argument. Political issues such as stem cell research, abortion, and gay marriage deal with the black-and-white of Truth, not argument's gray. When politicians politicize morals and moralize politics, you have no argument. You have tribes. End of discussion.

And so it is time to revive the Founders' original republican experiment and create a new corps of rhetorically educated citizens. The study of rhetoric would give students a solid grounding in the essential skills of persuasion—how to construct an argument using Cicero's five canons (invention, arrangement, style, memory, and delivery); devices for finding instant wit under pressure; modern theories of persuasion; and one-to-one spontaneous forms of argument.

One way to inject a spirit of currency into rhetoric is to dust off some of the old student exercises. As a mere amateur of the art, I don't presume to dictate how rhetoric should be taught. But I imagine that my son George would enjoy the ancient practice of *ethopoeia*, an educated form of mimicry. A centerpiece of rhetorical training up through Shakespeare's time, the exercise had students act as historical and living characters, playing them in debates with other history-channeling students. A modern exercise might have a virtual Martin Luther King debate an Abraham Lincoln over the legitimacy of presidential war powers, or Shakespeare v. Tarantino on dramatic violence. The students would have to do thorough research and develop their personae, even studying available film or tape in order to imitate their characters more convincingly. The ancients thought that such mimicry helped instill good moral values, but *ethopoeia* serves a more valuable academic purpose. It forces the student to take his new-found knowledge public, throughout his rhetorical education. The right kind of scholar—one who loves knowledge for its own sake but loves it even more when he can find a practical use for it—would thrive under this sort of instruction.

When rhetoricians first attempted to teach the subject during the 1970s, opponents protested that the art lacked “rigor.” You rarely hear that charge anymore: some of the most brilliant works of the twentieth century came from rhetoricians like Chaim Perelman and Kenneth Burke, and the serious study of rhetoric has its place along the leading edge of the humanities. American universities awarded some 400 Ph.D.s in rhetoric last year, up from a few dozen in the 1980s. It's even a component of the AP English exam, the closest a subject can come to canonization.

But my personal reason for promoting the art is an old-fashioned one. I want college to make George a worthy participant in society—knowledgeable, eloquent, fast on his feet, and able to hold his own, even with wine-soaked Italians. In other words, I want him to become an *orator*—“a good man,” as the ancient rhetorician Quintilian put it, “speaking well.” Surely any parent would find such an outcome worth the tuition: a good citizen, speaking well. Our country has never needed this more. 🐾

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Green

is Good

Welcome to the mantra of the new millennium.

And it's not just hippies and tree-huggers who are shouting it from the mountaintops.

THE CHINA CONUNDRUM

[DANIELA SALAVERRY '03]

BY MEGHAN LASLOCKY '89 In villages across China, Daniela Salaverry '03 has seen things that would shock most Westerners.

"The pollution is so egregious," the environmental educator says. "I was in rural Zhejiang, on the coast, and I saw a leather tanning factory. You could tell that it was unregulated, just dumping waste into the river. And this was just one small town, and there are probably hundreds of thousands of towns like it across China. It almost makes you wonder, *How do you begin?*"

Good question.

In China, the world's most populous nation, only 52 percent of sewage is treated before it is returned to rivers and lakes, indexes measuring water and air pollution rose by an alarming 4 percent in the first six months of 2006, and news of "cancer villages" has shocked and horrified all who have learned about them.

Pacific Environment, the San Francisco-based non-governmental organization where Salaverry is the China Program co-director, takes a grassroots approach through grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to young, community-based environmental groups. With just a small fistful of microfinance from Pacific Environment, green-minded Chinese can reach out to the public and the media to not just sound the alarm, but bring about change—a sea change that Salaverry recognizes might not even be realized in her lifetime. "We're just planting a seed," she says. "I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing if I weren't optimistic."

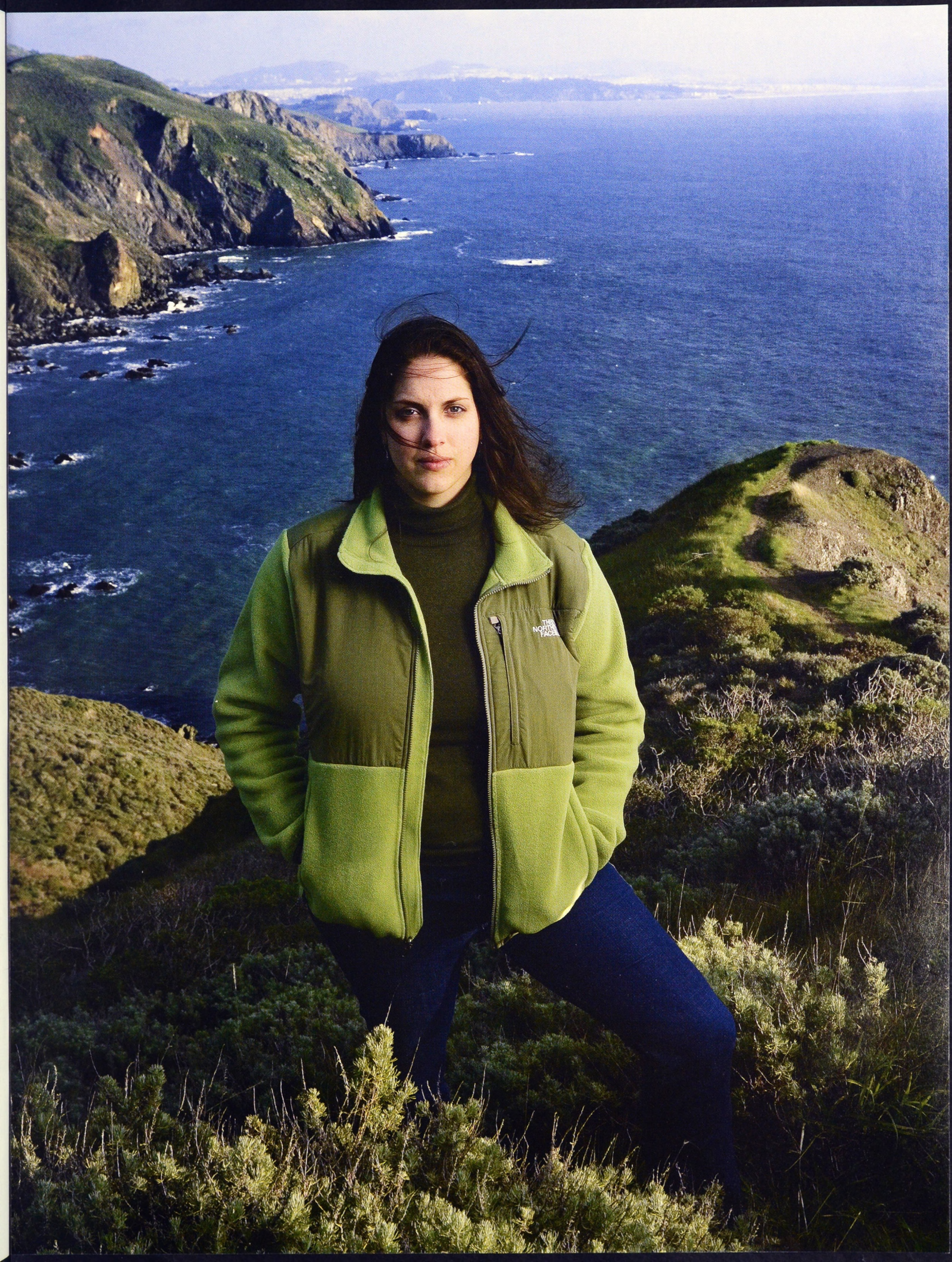
China's economic boom has created a nation of factories, and

largely unregulated ones at that. But Salaverry, who has traveled extensively in China and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, says that her pet peeve is the erroneous perception that economic development and environmental protection are mutually exclusive. More than a billion full stomachs need not come at the price of pandas and clean water. "The change has to come from the grassroots, not top down. And it has to be based on local needs," she explains. Factories shouldn't be shut down, but rather overhauled and supported in making changes.

As frightening as the visits to putrid tanneries, bloody backyard shark processing plants, and filthy river banks can be, the most daunting—and terrifying—aspect of her job is not knowing how free people are to talk about the issue. So many of the people that she has encountered in China are cloaked in fear, she says. "We really don't know how open people can be in communicating with you." Though green activism is relatively safe in China—environmental activists often serve as the "eyes and ears" of the central government, reporting on violations in their local communities—retribution from local authorities and factory owners is not unheard of. "I always appreciate my civil liberties when I come home," she adds.

But already it looks like efforts—such as those enacted by Pacific Environment—are paying off. Recent surveys show that Chinese people are increasingly aware of food safety, drinking water, and air pollution issues, and between 2005 and 2006, the number of complaints about environmental pollution shot up by 30 percent.

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PRINCE OF TIDES

[DEAN CORREN '77]

BY DAVID MCKAY WILSON On an unseasonably warm December morning in New York City, Dean Corren '77 stood on the banks of the East River as a barge dropped anchor in the middle of the channel. A 15-foot turbine dangled from a crane on the ship's deck, and as the apparatus was slowly lowered into the murky water, Corren's normally impassive face betrayed just a hint of anxiety as the turbine slipped from view.

For the next six hours, divers worked in shifts to secure the turbine to steel pilings anchored 30 feet below the surface, and when all was in place, the machine's three-rotor blades—powered by the river current—began to turn. On shore, Corren peered at a monitor, and allowed a smile to creep over his face.

Twenty-two years after he received a patent on a turbine rotor designed to tap the power of moon-driven tides, Dean Corren's creation was generating electricity.

"The energy is coming from the gravitational pull of the moon," says the 51-year-old Corren. "It has the lowest impact of anything out there."

Several months have passed since a pair of Corren's turbines was installed in the East River as part of a pilot project run by Verdant Power LLC, and the Burlington, Vermont, resident is chat-

ting to a writer about the zero-emission system that he believes could one day become an international model.

If Verdant's 18-month pilot succeeds, as many as 200 turbines could be installed along the channel. It's seen as a prime location—currents average four knots or higher; transmission lines are readily accessible; and, this being New York City, there's a high demand for electricity. To put things in perspective, after just 40 days, the two turbines had generated more than 10-megawatt hours of energy, providing a substantial amount of power to a supermarket on Roosevelt Island.

Alternative energy enthusiasts favor kinetic hydropower because tidal currents are predictable, making it possible to sell a reliable stream of electricity to New York's energy market. Environmentalists, though, have cautioned that the slow-moving turbine blades, which are 5 meters in diameter, could disrupt marine life. Federal and state authorities have required ultrasonic sensors to monitor the channel's fish population.

Corren, who majored in philosophy at Middlebury, came to New York in the late 1970s to earn a master's degree in energy science at NYU. His thesis developed a plan to combat the buildup of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, then called "the greenhouse effect," and recognized as the cause of what we today call global warming.

The late 1970s were a heady time for alternative energy research, with federal officials responding to the OPEC oil embargo by supporting research into renewal energy. Corren landed a

job in an NYU research lab, where he designed the rotor that drives the electricity-generating turbines.

By the time his turbines were ready for testing in 1985, however, federal funds had dried up. An attempt to test them in Pakistan went awry after the computers shipped to record the data were stolen. So Corren put the project aside and moved on to other pursuits, which included becoming a founding member of Vermont's Progressive Party, and winning election to the Vermont legislature for four terms (from 1993 to 2000). Still, he never gave up hope that one day his rotor would turn turbines that produced emission-less electricity. He kept a stack of old floppy disks with this data, and displayed two small rotor blades on a shelf as a reminder. "It was never totally out of my mind," he says. "We had tried—tried hard—to make it happen. There was just no money to fund it."

While the project was shelved, his research remained alive in scientific circles through his published papers. In 1994, researchers at the Idaho National Laboratory, who were preparing a report on kinetic hydropower, found Corren's studies and identified his design as one of the most promising.

Seven years later, Verdant CEO Ron Smith discovered the report while scouring literature for his startup firm, which was established to make kinetic hydropower a profitable commercial venture. He wanted to build on Corren's research and came to Vermont to woo him.

By then, Corren had ended his tenure in the state Legislature, was helping run Bernie Sanders's 2000 Congressional campaign, and had committed to heading up Sanders's Vermont constituent services operation for two years.

He fulfilled that commitment as Verdant took Corren's project from the scientific scrap heap and began the arduous process of obtaining funding and regulatory approvals.

By 2002, the process was moving, and Corren left Sanders to become Verdant's director of technology development. Today, he's designing a new generation rotor, made of an alloy of aluminum and magnesium. It's a more durable upgrade from the ones made of a steel skeleton and fiberglass skin.

With oil hitting \$60 a barrel, and concern rising about the melting ice cap, both public and private funds are again flowing to alternative energy projects. Private venture capital and about \$1 million from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority back the East River project.

Even with the funding, getting the turbines into the East River was no easy task. It took three years to win approvals from more than 20 agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which oversees hydropower generation.

By April, the pilot project was so successful that Verdant pulled out the original turbines and put in six new ones. The installation came a few weeks after FERC held a public hearing on Verdant's plan to install 100 turbines there in late 2008. The proposal was met with strong public support that night. It was another sign to Corren that perhaps the tide had come in for kinetic hydropower.

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A Middlebury Eco-Glossary

Biomass Burner

This spring, the College began construction on an energy plant which will run on woodchips instead of fuel oil. Once online, the facility will cut Middlebury's greenhouse gas emissions by almost 12,500 metric tons annually.

Focus the Nation

A nationwide initiative to jump-start a discussion on climate change at more than 1,000 colleges and secondary schools. Focus the Nation kicked off at Middlebury last fall.

Green Dean

That would be Nan Jenks-Jay, Middlebury's dean of environmental affairs. Jenks-Jay had served as the College's director of environmental affairs from 1997 until last November, when the position was elevated to a deanship.

Hillcrest

The environmental center at Middlebury. Hillcrest is currently undergoing a complete renovation that will incorporate a bevy of sustainability features.

MiddShift

A student-led effort to make Middlebury carbon neutral by 2017.

Run Green/Ski White

The Snow Bowl became the nation's first carbon neutral ski area by purchasing more than \$7,000 worth of carbon offsets to compensate for nearly 680 tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

Slow The Flow

The College's student-run organic garden. Situated on a knoll about a quarter of a mile past the turnoff to Bicentennial Hall on Route 125, the garden provides produce for the College's dining services.

Step It Up 2007

The largest public call to action on climate change in the country's history, Step It Up 2007 is the brainchild of five Middlebury alums and one current student (Phil Aroneanu '06, Will Bates '06, May Boeve '06, Jamie Henn '07, Jeremy Osborn '06, Jon Warnow '06,) and Middlebury scholar in residence Bill McKibben. On April 14, ralliers at more than 1,200 events in all 50 states challenged Congress to enact legislation to cut carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. (Step It Up 2007 occurred shortly before the magazine went to press, and we'll be covering the ground-breaking effort in a future issue.)

Weybridge House

Also known as the Environmental House. Located on the corner of Webridge and College Streets, Weybridge House is a student residence "based on mindful living." Established in 1991, this Atwater Commons residence houses anywhere from 12 to 20 people.



STATE OF THE UNION

[AMY LYND LUERS '88]

An environmental scientist and California's climate manager with the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), Amy Lynd Luers '88 has co-authored a landmark study—*Our Changing Climate: Assessing the Risks to California*—that has led to California enacting the toughest global warming legislation in the United States.

Luers spends a lot of time thinking about ways that California and the U.S. can strengthen their policies on the environment and global warming, and she recently talked about her background and shared her wisdom with *Middlebury Magazine*.

On finding a career in science and the environment

I've always been science-oriented and contemplated studying physics, but I ended up majoring in philosophy. At Middlebury, I'm not sure I had a career path laid out. I was always into the outdoors. I knew it was going to be something related to the environment.

Right after Middlebury, I went to Nicaragua. I spent a bunch of years working on drinking-water system . . . Nicaragua was my base for three years. I would live there and come back to raise money.

On her job now

I do a combination of science and research, but a lot of what I do is work with the scientific community in California, helping shape research questions and agendas that will affect relevant policy issues.

My work in particular is to manage our technical and policy team to develop our strategy for ensuring scientifically sound policies. For example, a key question we are struggling with now is, What should be the role of market mechanisms in meeting California's emission reduction targets and what analytical work can we contribute to help answer key questions in this area? One analytic piece that we are currently exploring in this area is helping define the role of forestry and agriculture sectors in meeting emissions reductions.

I also play a lead role with California's climate action team, coordinating the climate science adaptation subcommittee. This means conducting analytical work, attending meetings in Sacramento, and making presentations on climate science to people in industry, the legislature, community groups, and agency staff.

On California and climate change

California has established itself as a leader on comprehensive climate management plans—one that focuses both on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the unavoidable

12 Steps to a Greener Life So, how can you live a life that is a little easier on the planet? For starters, you won't need to shiver in a cold, dark home, nibble overpriced veggies, and carpool to work with strangers. There are plenty of ways to lessen your environmental impact without adversely affecting your lifestyle, and in many cases, actually improving it. BY BEN JERVEY '01

At Home

A BRIGHT IDEA By now, everybody's heard of compact fluorescent lights, those spiral-shaped bulbs that use barely one-quarter the electricity of their incandescent older siblings. They cost a bit more up front, but you'll make back that premium in a few months, and they'll last ten times as long, keeping half a ton of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere over that lifespan. CFLs are the lowest hanging fruit for reducing your energy demands at home, so pick 'em.

CLIMATE CONTROL For most folks, it becomes plenty obvious how energy hungry their home is when filling the furnace's tank or opening the electric bill in the air-conditioned months of summer. It's easy, though, to save some energy while keeping the home comfy. In winter try a programmable thermostat that'll automatically turn down at night. And be sure to seal and caulk around drafty windows and doors. During sweat season, try drawing the curtains during the day to keep out the hot sun, and give fans a chance to circulate cool air before resorting to the AC.

LOWER THE FLOW Saving water at home doesn't have to mean living with dirty dishes and shampoo residue in your hair. A fully loaded dishwasher uses much less water than washing all your glasses and plates by hand. By putting aerators on your faucets (for a couple of bucks a piece) you can reduce flow by 3-4 gallons

per minute, and a low-flow showerhead will save a family of four about 20,000 gallons over the course of a year. And both will keep that same water pressure your hands and hair are used to.

At the Dinner Table

GO LOCAL The average American meal travels 5,000 miles from farm to fork. That's quite a bit of carbon-laden diesel fumes spewing from tailpipes of the trucks that cart food around this country (not to mention the boatloads coming from abroad). Yet wherever you live, there should be local farmers producing most of your gastronomical desires—from fruits and veggies to meat and dairy to breads and grains. Find a local farmers' market or join a farm share or community supported agriculture program and get to know where your food is coming from.

CHEM-FREE KITCHEN

American food has drifted so far from its agrarian roots that it's tough to consider much of what's sold in supermarkets as anything but an industrial product: Produce commonly doused with pesticides, meat and dairy from animals pumped full of antibiotics and growth hormones. Seek out organic produce and meats and dairy labeled "antibiotic-free," "hormone-free," and "free-roaming" or "pastured."

On the Road

MAINTAIN PRESSURE Keeping your tires properly inflated can improve your gas

mileage dramatically. Add in some basic, regular maintenance—such as changing oil and air filters—and you can improve your fuel efficiency by nearly 20 percent, which you'll thank yourself for every time you cruise by a \$3/gallon gas station.

HOLD 'EM LIMITS

Aggressive driving agro (speeding, hard accelerations, and braking) is a huge waste of petrol—sensible driving habits can save as much as 33-percent fuel on highways and 5 percent around town. Keep in the back of your head that for every five mph you cruise above 60, it's basically like paying an extra 20 cents per gallon on gas.

HANG UP THE KEYS If your commute allows, try alternative means of transportation. Riding a bus, subway, or commuter train lets you focus on more important things—the morning headlines, a good book, your Blackberry, Sudoku—than the brake lights and careless merges or rush hour. Or, if the geography's right (relatively flat with moderate temperatures), try biking to work and give that body of yours a nice tune-up.

At Work

PAPERWORK Each year in the U.S., a person uses nearly 750 pounds of paper. Cut back at the office by circulating memos and reports electronically, and, when printing, set up your computer to automatically print on both sides.

REDUCE OFFICE JUICE

The best workplaces will be outfitted with EnergyStar certified equipment—computers, printers, copy machines, and even motion sensor lighting that'll turn off or "standby" automatically. Most machines, and nearly all computers, can be set to power-down when not in use.

Get Active

POWER OF THE PORTFOLIO Put your money where your ethics are. Socially responsible investing is now a strong, secure, and lucrative financial field, accounting for one of every ten dollars invested. Find a socially responsible fund like Domini or Calvert and know that you're investing in causes that don't compromise your conscience.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Stay aware of the important environmental issues of our time. Find groups and orgs working on the local community and national level, explore their resources, figure out how you can get involved and help. This truly is a crucial moment in history, and only through awareness and action of our citizens can we hope to steer our society safe and true.

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impacts of climate change. This past year, California passed "AB32," the first economy-wide cap on greenhouse gas emissions, requiring the state to reduce its emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.

On concerns related to climate change

I think one of the biggest concerns that raises fears in the scientific community is that we really are doing an experiment with the Earth. I think it's the unknown that's the biggest fear. By the end of the century, we could be virtually snow-free in California. This sort of change has a huge impact on the ecosystems we know.

What we can predict is scary. But going into the realm of the unknown is the scariest.

On her hope for the future

As a scientist working on global change in California, I often think about this, and I really believe that history is being made. Changes are being made. I think of it as a time of optimism and real energy. I'm spending my time contemplating national bills and evaluating.

There are about a half-dozen national bills currently being considered by Congress that propose emission reduction targets and strategies to reach these targets. During the last several months, I have lead UCS analysis that provides a basis to compare these bills within the context of the projected dangerous consequences of climate change.

On explaining the climate change we will continue to undergo

You can think of this as pre-heating an oven. We've set the dial of the Earth at a certain level but the planet hasn't gotten to that level yet. The most important thing we need to do is get a cap on global emissions. I think one of the most important things individuals can do is let their representatives know that this is a critical thing that needs to be addressed now.

But if we get a bill that isn't as effective as it needs to be, it might be harder to replace. So it's a very difficult thing.

On talking about the environment with her 4-year-old son, Cedar

One of the things I think about a great deal is how to talk about such big issues with children.

It certainly makes me think about the complexity of the issue. In many ways, I think the most important way I can make a difference in my own life on these issues is to work to build important environmental and social values in my son. My husband and I work together on this, by building an understanding and curiosity about his surroundings. One of the challenges I face is, on the one hand, building Cedar's confidence and a certain sense of power over his surroundings and, on the other hand, building within him an understanding of how it is humans' power to control nature that has lead us to our current vulnerability.

—Brian Eule

GREEN HOUSE

[ANDREW SIDFORD '82]

BY GRETEL H. SCHUELLER If you want to talk about sustainable building with Andrew Sidford '82, be warned. A smile grows on his face, his green eyes seem to double in size, his super-animated discourse will make you wonder whether someone injected a few shots of espresso into his system...and he might not stop. "I can talk for weeks," he laughs. Yet his energy is well-placed.

"Buildings have a tremendous impact on the environment," says Sidford, who has been incorporating green design in his projects since he started practicing architecture in 1985. According to the EPA, buildings in the United States account for 36 percent of total energy use, 65 percent of electricity consumption, and 30 percent of greenhouse gas emissions.

Sidford is standing outside one of his recent jobs, a two-story home with wood siding that overlooks a salt marsh near Plum Island, Massachusetts. It has a slightly nautical feel to it, but nothing looks obviously "green." A lot of its greenness, however, accounts for what isn't there. At less than 2,000 square feet, it's a relatively small home—especially compared to the McMansions sprouting across the country. "Green materials are important, but that's not the main element," he says. "The first thing is size. A green home that's 15,000 square feet isn't green."

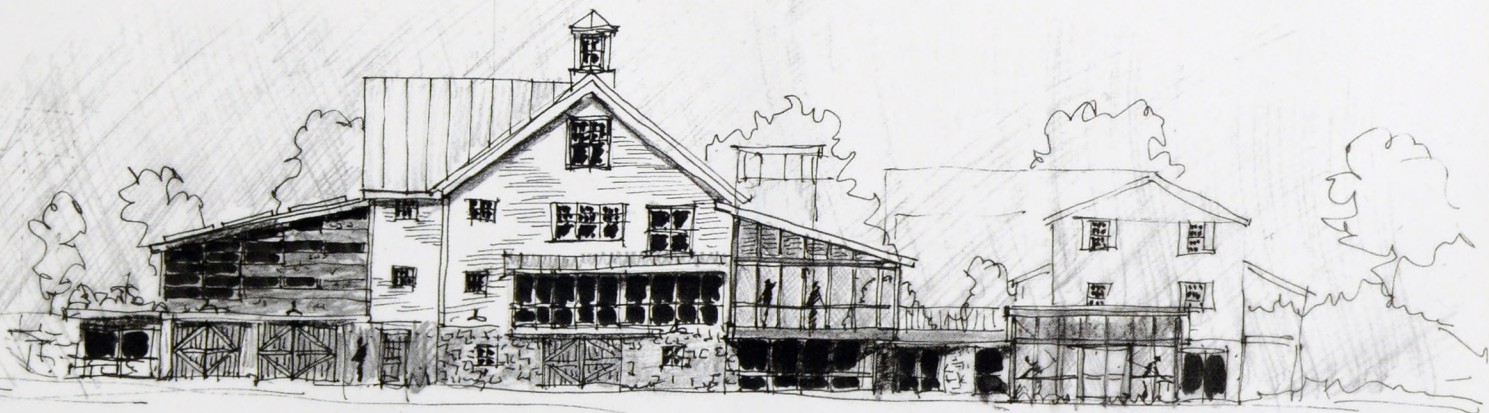
For Sidford, the first step often involves educating the client. "I try to get them to build as small as possible—to think about the experience rather than the square footage." Standing in the kitchen, he points, "That's going to be the dining room, that's going to be the living room. If you took any of these spaces by themselves, they would be too small." Instead, the place feels large and airy. An open floor plan, high ceilings, and walls of windows allow these rooms to flow into each other.

The generous use of windows also blurs the distinction between inside and out. Sitting downstairs, you feel as if you are outside surrounded by marsh. That too, is a conscious effort by Sidford, who believes that a building should respect its environment. Even the colors—earthy browns and greens—reflect that spirit. "I wanted it to feel like it was part of the marsh."

Green design, notes Sidford, is nothing new and at its core is lots of insulation and passive solar design. He points out a few examples: clerestory windows to maximize natural light, interior windows to share sunlight between rooms, and a south-facing glass porch to collect heat in winter.

Of course, he believes you shouldn't have to wait for the fuel bill to feel the benefits of your green home. "It should be a daily experience." Perhaps the best example is his "natural air conditioner," a three-story tower that runs through the heart of the house. Hot air rises into tower, where awning windows exhaust hot air and bring in cool. Sitting at the top, you feel as if you are in your private tree house. Sidford takes in the view and reflects. "If you spend less money on materials and you spend less money on energy and you have a house that is rewarding to live in, you end up with a win-win situation."

Gretel Schueller profiled Terry Kellogg '94 in the fall issue of the magazine.



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Know the difference between a fluorescent and incandescent light bulb?
Do you believe that climate change is an “inconvenient truth?” Or a “hoax”
perpetuated on the public?

Test your green IQ and see just how eco-savvy you really are.

1. What is the ecological footprint* of a U.S. resident?

- A. 2 acres B. 10 acres C. 24 acres
D. 200 acres

2. How many acres of ecologically productive land are available for the planet's current population of six billion people?

- A. 5 acres per person B. 15 acres per person
C. 50 acres per person
D. 150 acres per person

3. What is the per capita ecological footprint of Middlebury College (circa 2005)?

- A. .18 acres B. 1.8 acres C. 18 acres
D. 180 acres

4. How much solid waste, per day, did Middlebury students, faculty, and staff produce in 2005?

- A. 2 ounces B. 2 pounds C. 20 pounds
D. 200 pounds

5. How much campus waste was recycled at Middlebury in 2005?

- A. 5 percent B. 15 percent
C. 40 percent D. 60 percent

6. How much solid waste, per day, did American residents produce in 2005?

- A. 5 ounces B. 5 pounds C. 15 pounds
D. 50 pounds

7. In the U.S. in 2004, what percentage of electricity was derived from renewable energy sources?**

- A. 6 percent B. 16 percent
C. 25 percent D. 60 percent

8. At Middlebury in 2005, what percentage of electricity was derived from renewable energy sources?**

- A. 1 percent B. 10 percent
C. 30 percent D. 55 percent

9. How much fuel oil will be saved, per year, when Middlebury's biomass gasification plant goes online in 2008?

- A. 1,000 gallons B. 10,000 gallons
C. 100,000 gallons D. 1,000,000 gallons

10. How much rainwater is absorbed by a “living roof?”*
(Thereby preventing polluted storm water from running off into nearby streams.)**

- A. 15 percent B. 50 percent
C. 75 percent D. 95 percent

Bonus Question

Which building on the Middlebury Campus has a living roof?

- A. Atwater Dining Hall B. Old Chapel
C. Bicentennial Hall D. Procter

ANSWERS 1. C 2. A 3. C 4. B 5. D
6. B 7. A 8. C 9. D 10. D Bonus: A

How did you do?

0–3 Ouch. You might want to come back to Midd and audit an environmental studies course.

4–6 Not bad, and if you're at the high end of this range, you're better than most U.S. residents, though that's changing. At least you're at the head of the curve.

7–9 Impressive. Your savvy on eco-matters is to be commended.

10 Al Gore, is that you?

*The number of ecologically active acres needed to supply a person's energy, food, transportation, shelter needs and waste disposal. To determine your ecological footprint go to www.myfootprint.org

**Solar, wind, hydropower, biomass, geothermal

***Vegetated roof cover

A BRIGHT IDEA

[JAKE WHITCOMB '06 AND ANDY ROSSMEISSL '05]

BY CHRISTOPHER SHAW If the thought of global climate change is too much for you to absorb, you're not alone. With bills to pay, mouths to feed, kids to clothe, who really has time to build a biofuel gasifier? Or extra cash to pay for solar panels?

Economics Professor John Isham has you in mind. In his Environmental Economics class in 2005, Isham challenged his students to develop a way to take the burden of alleviating climate change off the shoulders of individuals. Give people a means to effect positive change effortlessly, he said, and allow the market to act.

Two students, Jake Whitcomb, a junior art and ES major, and Andy Rossmeissl, a senior in pre-Architecture, took up his charge to begin a credit card company that would mitigate some of the harmful effects of normal economic activity, that would in fact "internalize externalities" in the jargon of environmental economics—that is, make the price of an item reflect its overall cost to the planet and, maybe, reverse the consequences of its manufacture and use.

Three years later, Bright Planet, as Whitcomb and Rossmeissl's business soon came to be known, is poised to launch its first commercially available credit card, with a CEO, strong bank and corporate support, and a number of investors from Middlebury's alumni network.

Brightcard, as it will be called, works by taking a penny from every dollar the purchaser spends and investing it in the development of a carbon neutral energy technology such as wind turbines, biofuels or solar panels, a process generally known as buying carbon "offsets." For instance, from your \$437.00 Brightcard purchase of airline tickets to South Padre Island (to study turtle nesting sites, say) \$4.37 will be invested in a technology that reduces (or has the potential to reduce) the amount of carbon dioxide your flight will generate. Presumably your investment will have a multiplicative effect down the road.

The idea plays off a credit card concept worked out by previous organizations such as Working Assets. You can also buy offsets outright from a number of different outlets on the Internet. It's not a perfect system, however.

"There has been a lot of concern about transparency," Whitcomb said, when I met him and Andy Rossmeissl at Carol's Hungry Mind Café in Middlebury. "Previously, buyers of offsets had no way of knowing whether their purchase was going toward something with an actual potential for change, like solar, or toward hydrogen, for instance, which is going nowhere." Bright Planet, he assured me, had contracted to buy all of its offsets with *Native Energy, Inc.*, of Charlotte, Vermont, where you could actually track how your money was spent on its Web site.

"*NativeEnergy* does all its work in a few Inuit village in the

Arctic," Rossmeissl told me, where local interest in global warming is high due to the drastic changes in animal migration, sea currents, and ice patterns. The villages derive all their electricity and heating fuel from the local oil tank, which is replenished once a year by an ocean-going tanker when the ice melts. When *Native Energy* helps a village build a wind generator, for instance, "You can actually measure the amount of carbon your dollar is keeping out of the atmosphere." *NativeEnergy* was named the best source for offsets by Tufts University, Rossmeissl added. "It's also local."

Whitcomb and Rossmeissl had just returned from meetings in Philadelphia with a major investor. "There was a lot of excitement in the room," Whitcomb said, not only for their finely honed business plan and record of attracting investment, but from the impact of a warm January on public awareness.

From Carol's we went upstairs to Bright Planet's office on the second floor of Middlebury's Battell Building, where you could see the late-arriving first snow covering the village green across the street. Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* had just been nominated for the Academy Award it would eventually get. A wave was breaking, and it seemed the Bright Planet founders were riding it.

The office was low-key and comfortable, with leftover computers and printers from student days jury-rigged for corporate duty, and brick and board bookshelves. There were old wooden cross-country skis on display, attesting to their owners' strong attachment to the northern climate and Whitcomb's former position as captain of the Middlebury cross-country ski team.

Andy Rossmeissl and I had met a year or so ago at a dinner before a speech by James Howard Kunstler. At the time, Rossmeissl was a senior and working for three or four days a week as personal assistant to Robert Kennedy Jr. Bright Planet was in its infancy. After graduating he worked for four months for Kennedy's Water Keeper Alliance, then drove north to Middlebury to start Bright Planet with a few hundred bucks in his pocket and an old couch in a U-Haul. It sounded like a classic American origin story.

While I was listening Whitcomb handed me a prototype of one of their bright orange plastic cards. Middlebury, he said, the town and the College, had been a huge part of the equation for them. "It's the best place in the U.S. to be working on global warming right now," he told me. He cited the Sunday Night Group and people like Isham and John Elder. Then he added, "Where else can you walk up the street any time you want and talk to Bill McKibben?" 🐾

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BRIGHT PLANET

For most people,
springtime signals rebirth
and new beginnings.
But for an English professor,
these months offer
something else entirely.

Endings

BY JAY PARINI

ILLUSTRATION BY ALICIA BUELOW

IT'S SPRING IN THE ACADEMIC VILLAGE, with blossoming fruit trees, and once again my thoughts turn to summer. I think of those long, delicious months when, without the telephone ringing and student papers sitting on my desk ungraded, without faculty meetings and office hours, without classes to prepare, I'm free again to work exclusively on my own writing. My e-mails will dwindle to communications with a few good friends. Some mornings, I might even sleep in.



But spring also brings with it a small feeling of dread. As fruit trees blossom, and lawn mowers drone outside the open windows of my classroom, I begin to anticipate the end of a school year, with the many losses that inevitably attend that event, marked so vividly by the graduation ceremony, when half a dozen kids I had really come to like, even love, wave to me from the platform as they proceed into their adult life, diplomas in hand. I'm aware that one or two from each class will remain friends forever, but I know as well that there will be many—the majority of those whom I genuinely considered friends—who won't. It's not their fault, I tell myself. They will get busy. Soon spouses and children will lay claim to their attention. I'm just a passing figure in their lives; they know this, and I know it. It's not as bad as it sounds, given the demands I feel myself toward spouse and family, toward a circle of friends that has widened decade by decade. There is only so much attention to go around.

I begin to feel this little dread coming on in April, when the spring snows begin to thaw.

Huge piles of the stuff grow wet at the edges, melting slowly, so that by the middle of the month there are puddles everywhere, and I have for the first time to wear my waders to the campus. Mud season brings with it a certain sloppiness of feeling as well.

I start to anticipate wrapping things up in each course, turning over in my head potential exam questions and topics for final papers. I make frantic phone calls to students working on senior projects, reminding them that their revisions are almost due, and

that the end is near. It's at this point that I begin to mark the seniors as people who will soon pass from my life, probably forever.

Saying goodbye to favorite students is a difficult thing. You meet them as freshmen, with their innocent gazes and acne-blotted skin; they look like high school kids, and their eagerness during the first few weeks of class is always touching. Soon enough, they become old hands, learning the shortcuts to a good paper, learning how to skim, and so forth. They acquire boyfriends and girlfriends, and their confidence seems to swell. This is gratifying, but there is some loss in that, as well. It can be difficult to regain their attention.

In the spring of their senior year, many students become vulnerable again. I spend hours talking to them about their futures. Should they go into publishing? Can they earn a living as a writer? Is it possible to write on the side and work a job like, say, investment banking? I've become an old hand at answering the routine questions frankly, giving out encouragement without creating a false sense of security. It's not easy to find a job you will like, I tell them; but such jobs do exist. Be

adventurous. Follow your bliss, as Joseph Campbell put it. But don't go bankrupt in the process. Always keep alternative careers in mind. Don't be fussy. If location means a lot to you, start there. And so forth. Everyone who has taught in a college knows the drill.

Endings are gloomy, and one cannot avoid this truth, even while looking for the brighter side. "In my end is my beginning," T.S. Eliot wrote, paraphrasing a French proverb. Indeed, one is reminded again and again by graduation speakers about the root meaning of commencement. Okay, we get it. Students are going out into life, making a transition. This is certainly true, and would anyone prefer it otherwise?

I'm aware that my role in some graduates' lives is often not over. The number of them who stay in touch after graduation always surprises me. For quite a few years, many will require letters of recommendation and career advice. As a creative writing teacher, I expect to see poems and novels in draft for a long time

after an especially gifted student has formally left my tutelage.

In some happy cases, I find their published books in my mailbox, and it's thrilling. I also know that each year a number of them will return on alumni weekends and look me up, sometimes with a 17-year-old child in tow who wants a tour of the College. Very occasionally, I encounter a former student in the streets of Manhattan or Boston, though sometimes I don't recognize them in business attire, having gotten used to their unisex sweatshirts, jeans, and sneakers. There is some comfort in the fact that a handful of former

students become friends forever, staying in regular touch.

Walking away from graduation, I experience that grand old thing: mixed emotions. I'm certainly glad that my seniors made it, that they are going into the world. Their happiness is evident as family and loved ones surround them, kissing them and patting their backs. I'm suddenly just an appendage, an interloper, without a function in their lives. They may see me blinking at the periphery, then introduce me to their grandparents and parents, lovers and siblings. "This is Professor Parini," they say, awkwardly. "He was my adviser." Hands are shaken, and I withdraw. They have more on their mind than my feelings, and I have things to do myself. The summer beckons, and I'm suddenly desperate for it to begin. 🐾

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THE ARCHITECTS

In a city where hope and vision are in large demand, Drew Lang '91 and Allison Stouse '89 seek to reclaim a neighborhood that was claimed by Katrina. Photograph by Jackson Hill

Mr. Lang's Neighborhood

After Hurricane Katrina ravaged his hometown, architect Drew Lang '91 returns with a vision.

BY DEBORAH MARQUARDT

NEW ORLEANS HAS BEEN CALLED A CITY ON A KNIFE'S EDGE.

Journalists and residents paint a complex picture of a city nearly frozen with inertia at the overwhelming size and scope of its job; of a Louisiana relief program, The Road Home, mired in so much red tape it had processed fewer than 1,000 of nearly 106,000 applications as of early February; of a few neighborhood pockets still without electricity; of spotty rebuilding, and a city population that has stagnated at 230,000, half pre-Katrina levels.

The optimistic believe that Katrina can be a force for positive change—that the city has a chance to reinvent itself.

The pessimistic are fleeing. As one family told *The New York Times*, “We came back, we tried. It’s really draining, and at a certain point you sit down and you say, We don’t have to go through this.”

Yet, people like Allison Stouse '89, born and raised there, have roots too deep to abandon New Orleans. “I was frozen by the enormity of it all. I was frozen by the sadness of it all,” admits Stouse. “Not a day goes by when the conversation does not turn to how life has changed since

the storm. Not a day goes by when I don’t drive through a devastated neighborhood and see another house being gutted, demolished, sold—or worse, just sitting.”

Then there are those who are coming home, if not to live, to help. Drew Lang '91 is a New York architect now. At one time, he was eager to leave New Orleans, to stretch his wings beyond the bayou. Katrina changed that. Feeling helpless so far away, he inundated Stouse, his good friend since Middlebury, with e-mails, sharing news he learned from television and asking for on-the-ground updates. He wanted to jump in right away and start helping with the region’s recovery, but Stouse had her hands full coping with her own family’s crisis, and she admits that she was overwhelmed by his zeal. (It was common, she says, for those with a strong attachment to New Orleans who weren’t living through the chaos to be the first to focus on rebuilding.)

Back in New York, juggling the needs of a demanding private practice along with those of his family, Lang entered a New Orleans design competition sponsored by an environmental advocacy group. The object in the first stage was to provide a sustainable urban design for a 1.25-



acre site in the Lower Ninth Ward, focusing on a green, healthy, multifamily building, with a community center and single-family housing. Lang’s entry, “The Levee,” was one of six finalists. And while his proposal ultimately didn’t win, Lang didn’t waste

OPERATION HOPE
Using a sustainable design, a large measure of ingenuity, and more than a little elbow grease, architects Drew Lang '91 and Allison Stouse '89 are helping to rebuild a New Orleans neighborhood—brick by brick.

any time in channeling his energy and acumen into another, grander project. "At first I wanted to identify a civic building" to rehabilitate, he recalls. Instead, he found a neighborhood.

NEW ORLEANS HAS AN IRRESISTIBLE ALLURE FOR architects and urban planners. Virtually no other American city has the inventory



of historic buildings, ranging from the 18th-century elegance of the French Quarter to Victorian Uptown and postwar suburbia Lakeview. Pre-Katrina, the city also had 30,000 housing units classified as abandoned or blighted all over town. Katrina's flooding

provided, in essence, a fresh start. That is both the opportunity and the frustration.

A wave of plans in the last 18 months suggested various solutions for starting over, including not repopulating low-lying areas. Citizens talked, planners listened, months passed, only to have most ideas rejected by city administrators. The latest Unified New Orleans Plan

years except by a few fish-mongers. There is a wide grassy median, framed with trees, called "common ground," and a park, now populated with FEMA trailers.

Lang, joined by his mother and Stouse (who is also an architect), launched an effort to revitalize and repopulate the neighborhood. He purchased a corner lot on

Safe, healthy, comfortable, affordable, sustainable. He says it can be done.

awaits an April vote, and the *Times-Picayune*, New Orleans' hometown newspaper, says it's time to stop talking and take action.

Pushing against the inertia are efforts like Lang's. On a visit to the city not long after the hurricane, Lang drove around with his mother, Jule, a longtime board member of the city's Preservation Resource Center.

"At first, I didn't see it," Jule Lang says of her son's idea for the Faubourg-St. Roch neighborhood. "But Drew did." Within walking distance of the French Quarter, the area dates to the early 1800s, and by 1920 it became one of the city's first racially mixed neighborhoods. Its nine blocks sustained less flood damage than nearby areas, thanks to higher ground. It's distinguished by a once-vibrant market that had fallen out of use in recent

which he intends to build a commercial space and four residential units to be sold at cost (no more than \$150,000). Design work is under way, and he hopes these first buildings will be ready for habitation by October. The goal is to generate a sustainable model, using technologies introduced in his competition entry, such as passive-thermal-engine systems for heating, cooling, and dehumidifying. His project will reduce carbon emissions by 50 percent and energy consumption by 90 percent.

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Stouse and Jule Lang are focused on the common ground, particularly a mosaic walkway, the design of which will be decided by an art competition. It would serve as a catalyst to attract people to the neighborhood.

The project seeks donations, grants, and low-interest loans. Buyers will be required to inhabit properties for five years before selling. Sale proceeds will be returned to the project to fund more efforts. Partners include the Creole Cottage Project, which operates a construction academy for high school students, the New Orleans Craft Guild, and Rebuilding Together, already at work in Faubourg-St. Roch repairing homes for low-income elderly and disabled homeowners.

The project has caught the eye of Ed Blakely, the recently appointed "recovery czar" for New Orleans. "[Blakely] came into a meeting wanting to identify several model building projects that can begin very soon," Lang wrote in a recent e-mail. "He also came to the meeting with an interest in finding ways to build sustainably in New Orleans and an interest in promoting new industry based on environmental building projects. So we're on the same page."

Lang adds, "He was clear that the legwork is ours to do. He did not explicitly say he would support our project, but his implicit support was clearly felt, and we hope, of course, that once he has control of the funds, he will help push our project along. We'll see."

The idea also dovetails with a goal of the Unified New Orleans Plan to encourage residents in certain high-risk areas of the city to return and resettle in more sustainable neighborhood "clusters." Says Stouse: "People are going to have to make choices about where they want to live. They will gravitate to places that are vibrant, where they see hope." 🐾

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What Lies Beneath

The stories are as rich as the landscapes are bleak in a pair of recently published novels.

BY ELISABETH CREAN

IN FICTION, INHOSPITABLE LANDSCAPES make fertile settings for emotional journeys. Coming of age on the gritty London streets shapes Pip in *Great Expectations*; living on the edge of untamed New England wilderness fortifies Hester Prynne in *The Scarlet Letter*. Characters define their inner strengths by overcoming external obstacles.

Lapland—the Arctic North of Scandinavia—is one of the world's most forbidding inhabited environments. In *Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name* (Ecco/HarperCollins, 2007), VENDELA VIDA '93 sends Clarissa Iverson, the troubled protagonist of her second novel, to this remote frontier where reindeer outnumber the native Sami people. Clarissa arrives in the middle of winter, when the sun has disappeared below the horizon and light itself is fleeting, spectral, and surreal. Layers of snow reflect and refract beams from the stars, Volvo headlights, and scattered strands of Christmas bulbs.

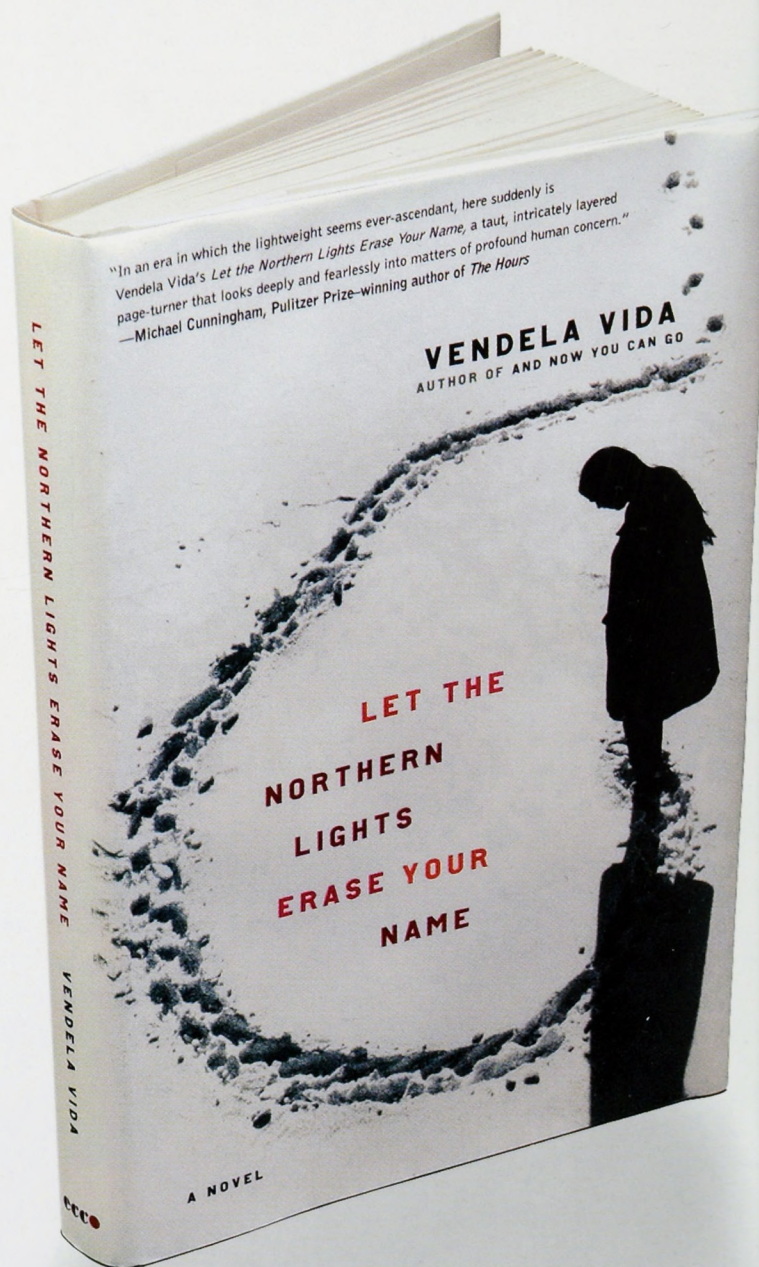
At 28, Clarissa brings weighty baggage to Lapland after her father's recent death. From her parents, she has experienced the two deepest wounds that family can inflict: abandonment and

betrayal. Above the Arctic Circle, she is desperately searching for a new biological connection, someone who *must* love her because DNA dictates it.

Fourteen years earlier, Clarissa's mother, Olivia, disappeared when the two were Christmas shopping at a Poughkeepsie mall. The teenager had taken a few extra minutes picking out her mom's present and was late for their appointed rendezvous. Olivia told the clerk at the meeting point that she was "tired of waiting," and vanished forever. Clarissa's father, Richard, was left to raise Clarissa and her disabled younger brother, Jeremy.

The novel's action begins on the day the adult Clarissa buries her father. In going through his papers, she finds that Richard's name is not on her birth certificate. Her fiancé, Pankaj—who is an old childhood friend—awkwardly confesses that his family knew Richard wasn't really her father. Clarissa enters an emotional tailspin. Who else knew? How can she trust anyone who has been lying to her all these years? What she doesn't realize is that this is just the first lie in a carefully spun web of deceit.

Clarissa's birth certificate bears the name of her mother's first husband, a



Sami priest. She flees New York, telling no one where she's going, and bearing her own secret: she's pregnant. The long journey north taxes her body and spirit. And the answers she finds are more painful than the questions she first brought with her. "I felt like a shattered window—at any moment, at the slightest provocation, the pieces would fall to the ground, hard as hail."

A reindeer herder named Henrik eventually finds Clarissa passed out on a frozen river and takes her, feverish and frail, to his aunt's house. Anna Kristine, an elderly Sami healer, ministers gently to the woman who has had little maternal tenderness in her lifetime. Even without a common language, the women discover a surprising and difficult bond. "I thought of the missing pictures in Anna Kristine's photo album, the dried glue that framed their absence. I recognized the desire to erase someone."

Although Clarissa faces harrowing revelations, Vida's spare, deft prose lifts her tale away from the maudlin or melodramatic. The lean imagery is vivid. An old cemetery has "tombstones like teeth." Houses on the train ride from Helsinki are "the color of Viking ships in children's books—utterly confident blues, reds, yellows."

Vida's brisk pace and unsentimental tone underscore Clarissa's discovery that healing means confronting—and then detaching from—pain, not wallowing in it. Clarissa learns Sami remedies for surviving cold temperatures: layers of clothing, warming fires, hot lingonberry juice. But for a cold temperament, whether encoded in DNA or etched in tragic circumstance, she finds there is no cure—only forgiveness.

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HOW WELL CAN WE EVER really know someone, even ourselves?

Kate Colter feels this question pulsing in the background of her life. The New Englander happily jumps off a career-oriented track, much to her mother's dismay, to marry a paleontologist and move to his native Wyoming. George is away for weeks at a time on fossil digs, and Kate busies herself with the routines of motherhood and

from the cultural rhythms of Wyoming, where the coal mines close just once a year—for the opening day of elk-hunting season. At parties, folks debate optimal driving directions, a hot topic in a large state with the mindset of "a small town with very, very long roads." No one pesters Kate with pointed personal questions. But she begins to find that "those things that so appealed to me in the beginning tend to be what can annoy me most now."

"Don't forget what Shakespeare said. 'The prince of darkness is a gentleman.'"

part-time work, keeping a rancher's books and nursing injured horses.

As the narrator in *Along Comes a Stranger* (HarperCollins, 2007), the quietly compelling debut novel of DORIE MCCULLOUGH LAWSON '90, Kate is reluctant to admit that discontent is seeping into the edges of her tranquil domesticity. She has adjusted to the anxiety of managing her daughter Clara's life-threatening metabolic disorder while preserving the child's sense of normalcy. She accepts her husband's long absences as an inescapable part of his job. She can even deal with her cross-stitch-crazed, Wal-Mart-loving mother-in-law, Lorraine, who means well and really loves Clara.

Yet Kate feels detached

Privacy has become isolation. Kate misses the lively conversation and sense of connection that she felt back east. Her closest friendship, with her Aunt Joan, plays out over the phone. She banters with the high-powered Boston executive about Joan's serial dating disasters and lurid, big-city crime stories.

And then a kindred spirit materializes one summer in Wyoming: Tom Baxter, an engaging older gentleman who starts dating the widowed Lorraine. Tom is witty, caring, and bright, and keenly interested in people and places around him. He inspires Kate to visit a nearby Indian battlefield, reanimating its history for Kate and Clara with a vivid personal tour.

But Tom's eye for detail begins to bother Kate. He

masters license plate numbers, positions of objects in a room, and descriptions of people with offhanded ease. Kate wonders if his precision represents a limber intellect, or something more sinister. Small elements of his background don't add up. Have years of idle talk about tabloid crime made her paranoid? Or could Baxter really be a dangerous fugitive? Kate's joking reminder to Joan haunts the increasingly anxious mom: "Don't forget what Shakespeare said. 'The prince of darkness is a gentleman.'"

Lawson laces her narrative with gentle insights into people. Growing up, Kate learns about horses from a "maiden New England lady who seemed to like animals better than people." Clara's babysitter reminds Kate of older sisters from the pioneer era, "more like a young mother than a teenager." Relationships face limitations, even in loving families. "People connect with other people in the ways they can. Sometimes it's easy and sometimes it takes an effort."

Above all, Lawson generates compassion for her richly drawn characters. Their flaws disguise hidden strengths, and their talents hide terrible secrets. Lawson's skill is that she makes us care about all of them, even after the mystery boils over in Wyoming's searing summer heat. 🐾

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■ *Thinking About Tomorrow: Reinventing Yourself at Midlife* (Warner Wellness, 2007) by SUSAN CRANDELL '73

■ *The Blue Zone* (William Morrow, 2007) by ANDREW GROSS '74

■ *The Melting of Maggie Bean* (Simon & Schuster, 2007) by TRICIA RAYBURN '00

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28 It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Miriam Sweet Coombs** on January 27 at the age of 99. A longtime loyal Middlebury alum, Miriam served for many years as class secretary and also worked on reunions, admissions, and phonathons. In 2005 she received the Outstanding Class Secretary Award with the following words: "Serving as class secretary for many terms, her class notes columns have conveyed her love of the College and her joy in sharing the friendships made at Middlebury." As of the last column, Miriam had finally "put down her class notes pen." A lovely celebration of her life was held in Concord, Mass., on January 29 with sons John '60, Allan, and Allan's wife, Marcia, participating as well as grandchildren David Ryder, Janet Coombs, Richard Coombs and his wife, Sherrie Coombs. In honor of Miriam's love of sports, the Rev. John Hudson used the following metaphor to sum up her life: "She was not just a fan of life, passively sitting in the bleachers and booing or cheering but never playing. No, from the first inning to the last, Miriam was smack-dab in the middle of every single play, swinging away for the fences, giving life everything she had until the final out was called and the lights of the stadium were turned off. Game over—but what a great game for the ages, one that will never be forgotten. If life has a Hall of Fame, Miriam will get in on the first ballot!" Our deepest sympathy is extended to Miriam's family and many, many friends.

31 Best wishes to the Class of 1931! If anyone would like to send in some news, please do so.
—Class Secretary: Mr. E. Parker Calvert (calverte@aol.com), 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.

32 **REUNION CLASS**
We regret to report the death of **Alice Cady Russell** on December 21, 2006. At Middlebury, Alice was a member of Phi Mu and Mortar Board, and was active in all the women's intramural sports, even teaching archery senior year and heading up women's basketball. A loyal Midd alum until her death, Alice wrote this account in 2001 of her unique opportunity to attend college: "In 1929, college was not a frequent option for either sex, especially not for women, but my father insisted that I go. Unfortunately, before my first year at Middlebury was over, the BIG Depression hit and Father lost his bookkeeping job. As I had a very bright younger brother, I thought it only proper to return home and take a job to help the family so that he could have enough money to go to college. My father reminded me that my board, room, and tuition were already paid for the term, and the only job available in our small town would be in the Bellows Falls five and dime store at \$4.00 a week. 'So,' he said, 'you will stay in college as long as possible!' Father soon got a job with the local Globe Publishing Company and he bought a repair shop where he did everything from fixing safes to sharpening lawn mowers. Each year Father

assured me that we had enough money for both my brother and me to attend another term. After six years I left Middlebury with a degree in French and an M.S. (thanks to a Fellowship) in biology." We send our condolences to son David and the rest of Alice's family.

35 I am sorry to report the death of our classmate, Sen. **Bob Stafford**. I never knew Bob personally but if you look at our Kaleidoscope, you will see that he has more clubs listed and is chairman of more activities than any other classmate. We all had confidence in him apparently. His accomplishments after college certainly bear that out. A lengthy memorial for him appeared in the winter issue. We send our condolences to Helen Kelley Stafford '38 and all Bob's family and friends.

—Class Secretary: Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.

36 We were sorry to hear about the death of **Dick Chase's** wife on September 12, 2006. Our sympathy is extended to Dick, his two sons, and his grandchildren.
—Class Secretary: Mrs. Louise Hubbard McCoy, 865 Central Ave., #L403, Needham, MA 02492.

37 **REUNION CLASS**
Two traveling Californians, **Elizabeth Beebe Bliss** and her daughter, have been hitting the road in their RV, spending the recent winter at several beaches and islands in Florida. Each time they arrived at a different place, so did the rain, including some severe storms. * **Ruth Van Sickle Robinson** writes, "I am now residing at Green Hill, a retirement community in West Orange, N.J., following the death last August in Florida of my dear husband, best friend, and fellow Middlebury alumnus, **Robbie Robinson**. Now I live close to my son and daughter and although I miss Robbie very much, I am pretty healthy and find something to be glad about every day. Love to everyone in the Middlebury community. My new address (I like to tell everyone that I live in the state of Confusion!) is 103 Pleasant Valley Way, #2050, West Orange, NJ 07052." * Greetings to classmates from **Barbara Gregory Hopkins**, still living at home in Wisconsin, and **Doris Downing Daley**, at home in New York State. Barbara added that she is thankful for "such wonderful memories and good friends." * Word has been received of the death of **Nancy Blanchard Britton** of Kingsport, Tenn., on April 29, 2006. In recent years Nancy was a regular contributor to our class notes, often telling us of her long daily walks with friends before breakfast. In her last message, she said one of her favorite memories of life at Middlebury was writing headlines for the humor issue of the *Campus*. Other memories she shared over the years included Mountain Club outings, Prof. Bryant's philosophy in physics class, learning to knit in Battell Cottage, and ringing the bell in Old Chapel after a football victory! * Don't

forget our 70th reunion June 1–3. Hope to see you there!

—Class Secretary: Marshall Sewell (marshland7@verizon.net), 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.

38 An article in the *North Adams Advocate Weekly* last fall began with this sentence: "Running from class to class at Middlebury College 70 years ago, he was called Rapid Robert." A following paragraph stated, "Now, at the age of 90, this Bennington native and former town manager is known as **Bob Matteson**, USA Track and Field National Champion, with wins in his age group in races from 100 meters to a mile." After participating in the USA Masters Track & Field Championships in Charlotte, N.C., last summer and winning the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m (setting records in the 200 and 400 events), Bob was named USA Track & Field's Athlete of the Month for August for New England. Congratulations, Bob! * A few months ago I received an update of classmates' addresses. It was interesting to see that **Alice Bassett Brown** had moved from Buffalo to Getzville, N.Y. * Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** added two great-grandsons recently to their five great-granddaughters. They celebrated at a large family gathering at the home of son Jim and wife Judy in Brookfield, Vt., during the Christmas holidays. * **Madge Eddy Boardman** is happily situated at an assisted living facility in Rutland, Vt. She was delightfully cheerful when we visited by telephone. * We do want to extend condolences to the family of **Dorothy Simonds Stearns** who died on October 4, 2006. * We were saddened to learn of the death of **Helen Kelley Stafford's** husband, Bob, just before Christmas. We send condolences to Helen and family. * I hope you will all remember that your classmates do enjoy reading news of each of you. So often I hear that the first section people turn to in *Middlebury Magazine* is the class notes.
—Class Secretary: Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.

39 Secretary Gould reports: **A. Roger Clarke's** creative muse has tapped him on the shoulder once again—this time with the inspiration for an opera entitled *I Go Where My Heart Beats*. He promises, or should I say threatens, to have it performed at our 70th reunion. Now that is something to look forward to. **Bettie Anne Dunning Jones** better get her lovely soprano voice in tune as she just might be getting an invitation to be the star. * **Thor and Carol Miner Gustafson** had such a busy Christmas season that they didn't send cards. Now that Thor does less yard work, he helps in the kitchen and has an endless store of tales of his experiences working in the kitchen at Chi Psi Lodge. Their daughter has told them she plans to drive them to our 70th. **Jeanette Olson Gould's** daughter has promised her the same. Hope we will see many of you there. * **Virginia Orde Church** can walk comfortably now after recovering from her bad fall. Her

husband had a slight stroke, but nevertheless, they both enjoy a daily mile walk around the pond that is on their property in Enfield, N.H. ✱ We regret to report the deaths in 2006 of **Elsie Brown Tracey** on July 25, **Elaine Brown Baker** on October 2, **Catherine Andrus Fessenden** on October 22, and **Jean Briggs Fisher** on November 2. The sympathy of the class is extended to their families and friends. Memorials appeared in the winter magazine. ✱ **Irene Fernandez Anderson** drove to Washington, D.C., where she and husband Norman spent Thanksgiving with their older son and family. Norman is 93 but plays a weekly nine holes of golf. Irene has given up golf but is still playing bridge and entertaining friends for dinner. ✱ **Tom Murray's** daughter, Martha Murray Lavalée '71, treated him to a trip to Middlebury to celebrate his 90th birthday. Tom writes that wife **Gertrude Bittle Murray** is "content and getting wonderful care" in an assisted living establishment. ✱ **Robert Rathbone** is doing well after recovering from some health problems. Daughter Anne Rathbone Winskie '75, who lives in Seattle, planned to visit him in January. She is bilingual in Russian having studied it at Middlebury then later in Leningrad, and she arranges adoptions of Russian children. Robert's new address is Thornton Oaks, 25 Thornton Way, #212, Brunswick, Maine 04011. Drop him a line. ✱ **Norman Smith** remains in Mystic, Conn., where he takes a three-minute walk to the sea and "can smell the salt air and regret that his sailing days are over." He remembers fondly his four years at Middlebury and would like to see the campus once again. Anybody coming to our 70th who could pick him up in Mystic and give him a ride? Sure would be nice. ✱ **Elizabeth Vaughan Myers** lives happily in Deland, Fla., in a retirement complex. Her life is quiet but she enjoys a daily walk. Daughter Jane Myers-Hunter '64, who lives in California, visits her twice a year. ✱ **Ken** and **Dorie Keffer '40 Kinsey** have a new "permanent" address: The Courtyards at Berne Village, Villa 7B, 2701 Amhurst Blvd., New Bern, NC 28560. They report that Berne Village is larger than Alterra with 25 villas. They get to walk outside a lot more as the weather is milder. On a nostalgic trip to Oriental, they saw some friends in church and went by their old home which still looks good with its yellow shutters! All their children and grandchildren are doing well. They now have five great-grandchildren (all boys!) with Ryan Jacob Pelletier being born on October 23, 2006.

—Class Secretaries: *Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould* (jogut1@verizon.net) (978-263-8151), 1055 Depot Rd., Boxboro, MA 01719; and *Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner* (Ruth Coleman) (rskinner@kingcon.com), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.

40 At the 50th class reunion there was enthusiasm for another reunion two and a half years later as we all felt the attendance would be better and we would enjoy it more than if we waited five years. This proved to be a successful get-together and was enjoyed by all who attended. Plans are in the works for another such gathering this fall. ✱ I am sorry to report the death of **Bob Pickard**, our class president, editor of the *Campus*, and one of the most memorable of our class. I'm sure many of you recall the incident at graduation when Prexy Moody refused to shake Bob's hand because of several editorials Bob had written urging our country to stay out of the war. Bob was one who was able to do almost anything and do it well as seen by his successful law career in Providence, R.I. Bob unfortunately lost his first

wife in the early 1990s, but at our 55th reunion, he became reacquainted with **Lois Whittier**, who had lost her husband, and they married soon after. We all remember Bob with pleasure as a great debater and a man of impeccable integrity. He had our admiration and we share in his loss with Lois and their large family. ✱ **Martha Taylor Elliott** sent me a piece she had written about stopping driving. Since this may be a topic of interest to some of you, I've included it here. "Last April on my way to take lunch to a shut-in friend, I drove into the path of a car coming on my right. That driver, although she struggled to turn aside, could not escape hitting me. Even though I had looked for oncoming cars, I had somehow overlooked her. It was my fault and mine alone. My car was repairable; hers was not. Neither of us was hurt, although she did go to the hospital to be checked since she was pregnant! While I waited for a friend to come and drive me home, I said to myself, 'This is the day. This is my final warning. Get off the road before somebody gets really hurt!' I had always determined to take myself off the road before I had to be forced off. Now was my chance to put my money where my mouth was! Oh, yikes, but that was a hard one! My family was so congratulatory that I couldn't possibly waffle, much as I felt like it. I set out immediately to plan how I would conduct my life without a car, especially without the freedom to get out of the house and go someplace whenever the whimsy took me. The first thing I did was to tell everyone I knew that I would appreciate help with a ride if we were going to the same place. This took care of most of my trips to church. Two committees I chair agreed to meet at my house. I enquired about which taxi company was most reliable and have stuck with the one recommended. I put up an ad in the church hallway for a driver to take me on excursions, as a business arrangement. One of the women I like and have known for many years applied for the job and was instantly hired. I pay her for the gas and something also for her time, although she doesn't allow me to pay much for that. She says she has as good a time as I do. I started out bravely walking nearly every day so I wouldn't just sit around the house and get fat. The most interesting part of the story has turned out to be the fascinating things I've found to do in the house. I'm playing the piano again, pieces I particularly like, with a few minutes of improvising at the end of each practice session. I have grown fond of Scott Joplin and although many of his rags require hands larger than mine, I can reach some of them. I am also indexing a pair of books that I especially enjoyed. When I finish, I plan to send a floppy of the index to the author as a thank-you for the pleasure she has given me. Most fascinating of all my long-term plans for indoor recreation is the autobiographical account I've begun. I didn't have a planned outline, so I just plunged in! I started with my years in the East Orange, N.J., public schools, then described my family and what it was like to have three much older brothers. (I'm sure they are to blame for ALL of my idiosyncrasies.) You may remember my Middlebury roommate, **Page Grosenbaugh**, who married Bob Rowe '38. I met Page at our Girl Scout troop when we were ten, and by high school we were pretty much inseparable, along with a third girl named Dot. I couldn't leave out tales of the exploits of Page, Dot, and Martha. A lot of the ideas started with Page. Dot and Martha added embellishments and executed quite well. Ask me about a nocturnal excursion on our bikes to a barn, with refreshments of pecan halves and grape juice! I must here give credit to **Marge Burditt Striker**

for one of the steps I took to keep panic at bay in the house. She had spoken in a letter of sitting at a window watching the world conduct itself outside. The idea appealed to me, so I made such a place in the back bedroom by rearranging furniture and buying a wonderfully comfortable swivel rocker in my favorite shade of blue. Come to Maryland and check it out!"

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt* (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.

41 Secretary Jones reports: **Jane Skillman Sara** lives on the 10th floor of a garden apartment complex near her church and, looking down, can see a playground, lots of trees, and green spaces. She is still in charge of the craft shop, which sells many things—lately pillows decorated with odds and ends of material are popular and customers "eat them up." The cash they make is contributed to the church fellowship fund. She had to get a new-used featherweight sewing machine, as hers wore out. She reminisced that she roomed with **Peg Wiley Thomson** (a friend since they worked at summer camps together) freshman year, **Jan Eldredge Day** junior year, and **My (Marilyn Reynolds Gray)** senior year. ✱ **Shaubie (Margaret Shaub)** had a really great three-week trip to southern France in September 2006. She and friends stayed at a "House Exchange," where one could rent a room for any duration and enjoy the daily trips around the area. She also led an AAUW meeting in December at Wake Robin. **Jean Connor** gave a poetry reading and had an informal discussion of some of her writing experiences. ✱ Belatedly, we are sorry to report the death of Rev. **John Agnew**, on July 10, 2004. After completing his freshman year at Middlebury, he eventually graduated from St. Lawrence. We send our condolences to wife Rosemary and all his family. ✱ After 25 years on the Cape, **Sutty (Janet Sutcliffe Scilipoti)** surprised us with a new address: Apt. 630, Brookdale Bay Club, 99 Brackett St., Quincy, MA 02169. Best wishes to her as she settles in and gets to know a new community. ✱ **Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett** had a special summer last year that began with our class reunion, included travels to visit friends and classmates, and ended with a big 65th wedding anniversary with all their family. Congratulations! ✱ **Polly (Mary Ruby Goodell)** says she's been keeping busy since David passed away with paperwork and adjusting her affairs. Hopefully, that will soon be completed so she can get out for a daily walk. She enjoys her location at St. Joseph's Health Care retirement community; it has an attached medical facility and is right on a golf course. Polly has no car but a van will take residents to shop and do errands. Two sons live nearby and her daughter is in North Carolina. ✱ We regret to report that **Eleanor Gillett Blauvelt** passed away on September 24, 2006. **Alice Noppel Knight** has these memories of Ellie: "Ellie was my roommate the two years we were at Middlebury and we remained close friends through the years. She loved people and people loved her. She was creative, fun loving, and adventuresome. We reunited at an Elderhostel some years ago and became roommates once again. Her three children and seven grandchildren kept her happily involved, as did her many volunteer activities. Ellie really sparkled—and it rubbed off on all who knew her." Our class sends its condolences to her family. ✱ Our class is also sad to have lost **Barbara Warren Loftus** on November 10, 2006. I (Packy) recall Babs from early freshman week activities. She soon fell in love with **Edward Loftus**, a Beta Kappa, who was good friends with

another Beta Kappa, **Charlie Jones**. We continued our friendship through college, and later tried to meet at reunions. In 1985, Charlie and I traveled for a year in our motor home and spent a lovely weekend in Oshkosh, Wis., with them. We send our warmest thoughts and prayers to Babs's children, son David and daughter Lydia, and all her family. ✱ We recently received word that **Margery Barkdull** had also passed away, on November 14. **Connie Girard Brown** recalls rooming with her and a couple other freshmen in Bat Cot. She will certainly be missed by many. ✱ **Merritt Garland** gets my gold star for a perfect record of sending me Christmas letters every year since I've been class secretary. He recalled that he hadn't told us about their trip to France in 2005. For seven days they floated on a barge absorbing the beauty of the farms, vineyards, and towns. After visiting a couple of chateaux on the Loire River, they ended with five days in Paris. It was 18 days of pure pleasure. The Garland family is flourishing and scattered from Hawaii to China, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. I marvel that Merritt still attends medical conferences, sits on medical tribunals, and testifies at medical malpractice suits.

✱ **Irene Egbert Lally** enjoyed visits last year from one of her western sons, her brother Joel, and her sister Alice, who turned 91. ✱ I called **Elizabeth Hubbard-Ovens** over the holidays and we had a good phone visit, talking about how we wished we could simplify that time of year so it could be more joyful and less arduous. ✱ It was great to receive an upbeat Christmas letter from Summy (**Summer House**). Ghostwritten by John, Betty, and Pat, it gave a humorous account of life at Hill House and made us wish we might drop in on him. ✱ I received a letter from College Advancement about the Class of 1941 Memorial Fund and our class 25th Reunion Alumni Fund. The Memorial Fund supports buying annual science library publications—there were eight pages of acquisitions for 2006! The Reunion Fund is for general purposes and hasn't changed in many years. Any classmates interested in learning more about the present status of either fund should write or call me.

—Class Secretaries: **Roger Griffith** (rmg19@adelphia.net), 35 Skyline Dr., Essex Junction, VT 05452; and **Ruth Packard Jones** (Mrs. Charles), 4106 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.

42 REUNION CLASS

Last Thanksgiving weekend brought the sad news of the death of **David (D.K.) Smith**. President Liebowitz's announcement to the Middlebury community recognized Dave's lifetime of service to Middlebury College, the state of Vermont, and to his profession through his participation in numerous state and professional advisory committees. A native Vermonter, Dave was well known for his humorous milk bucket lecture, which he gave on numerous occasions throughout the state including at our 25th (we think) reunion banquet—we had hoped to have it repeated for our 65th next June. He served Middlebury students and faculty and the College for over 59 years and will be genuinely missed. ✱ We also note with sorrow the death on December 14 of **Marvin Holdredge**. As a student he was active in track, served as business manager of the *Campus*, and was involved in the Mountain Club and on the committees for the Frosh Frolic, the Soph Hop, and Winter Carnival. He was living in Denver, Colo., at the time of his death. ✱ Christmas brought greetings and news from several classmates. **Bob Bredenberg** wrote that he and Arlene had moved to an Enriched Living situation, still in Green Valley, Ariz. ✱ **Mary**

Clough (Cluffy) **Johnstone** reported that she had moved from her beloved rural home to a retirement home, still in Woodstock, Vt., with the advantages of being more available to her friends and closer to "in town" activities. She says she has no plans to attend reunion but, like the rest of us, is "letting the future happen" and "who knows?" ✱ In her card **Helen Hooley Young** says that her son may bring her to reunion, but that she may not be able to come north this year. ✱ John and **Mary Eimer Leinbach**'s usual newsy Christmas letter told of their 60th wedding anniversary and brought us up-to-date on the activities of their talented and very active children and grandchildren. Mary has also been on the telephone with **Peggy Woods Eriksson**, **Joan Calley Cooper**, **Margi Fell Council**, and **Meg Buscher Andrews**. Sadly, she reports the news of **Sue Hulings Ottinger**'s loss of her beloved Harry and **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller**'s loss of husband Denny. ✱ **Ginny Smith Baker** reports that she keeps in touch with **Nancy Hall Whitehouse** and **Gracie Shailer**. Ginny took a trip to Austin, Texas, for the first birthday of her first great-granddaughter and spent Thanksgiving in Kentucky with her youngest son. She mentions that, as many of us have found out, it's easier and more comfortable to stay at home. ✱ In Meriden, N.H., a new pedestrian bridge has been dedicated to **Ira** and **Sally Martenis** '41 **Townsend**, to honor them for granting public access to trails on their land since 1965. The bridge links the Plainfield School and its children with a network of hiking trails. ✱ We have been in touch with Joan Cooper who is helping with reunion planning. She spent her usual summer in New Hampshire and mentions having the opportunity to visit with **Peggy Eriksson**. ✱ **Charlie Beach**, as reunion gifts chair, will be in touch, we're sure, and is planning to be in Middlebury on June 1. ✱ We, **Phil and Betty**, for a variety of health reasons, missed our usual two weeks on the Maine coast for the first time in over 35 years. But we're looking forward to seeing you all at Middlebury in June. Our three children are scattered from Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, to Seattle, Wash., with one in New Hampshire, but we still manage to get together several times a year. ✱ Reunion is fast approaching. Mark your calendar—the date to remember is June 1–3!

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Secretary Gale reports: I'd like to extend the thanks and appreciation of the class to **Loie Doe** for her years of service as the conduit of news from the distaff side of the class, a task which she undertook somewhat reluctantly but fulfilled exceptionally well. Loie expressed a desire to be relieved of these duties and it is our good fortune that **Ann Cole Byington** has been willing to replace Loie; Ann's contributions will begin with this issue. ✱ I talked with **David Wood** in Nantucket. He continues to be active in the Episcopal Church where he has been a senior warden for many years. He no longer drives and prefers a cane when walking. He's a bit less active now but he reads a lot. ✱ **Red Barmby** is now completely retired and is no longer in the consulting field. He and Ellaveen have moved to a retirement community. He's very pleased with the move, enjoys the good food and the bus transport for activities, and likes the fact that doctors are available on call at night. His new address is 744 Spring Village Drive, Apt. 113, Springfield, VA 22150. ✱ One of the class's most prolific writers continues

undaunted by nature's tricks and trials. In an article published in the *Bellevue Literary Review: A Journal of Humanity and Human Experience*, titled "Pushing the Geriatric Envelope," **Ralph Crawshaw** describes his symptoms at the time of sudden onset of atrial fibrillation while exploring a Portland, Ore., bookstore. He relates his thought processes re the probability that he was facing an imminent demise. That reflection, and his subsequent discomfort at being the patient rather than the doctor, makes for interesting reading. ✱ Having been unable to reach **Reggie Wooldridge** for some time, I was delighted to learn from Jack Dale, husband of the late **Dotty Forsythe Dale**, that Reggie now lives in Clinton, N.Y., as does Jack, who knows him well. Reggie's wife died several years ago and he now lives in the independent section of a retirement village. He no longer drives, but he still goes to Rotary meetings, plays pool, and loves to play cards. Jack transports him to gatherings, shopping, etc. Two of Reggie's daughters and a son live in Clinton, and he has a daughter in Syracuse and one in Utica, N.Y. Incidentally, Jack also plans to move to a new independent living apartment in the fall. ✱ After the earthquakes in Hawaii in the fall of 2006, I called **Pat Rogers Prukop** in Oahu to see how she fared. As the quakes did not affect that island, she was fine and recovering nicely from her "minimal surgery" knee replacement. She says that people there fear tsunamis more than earthquakes, and apparently with good reason—in 1952, when she and John '42 had a house on a beach, a tsunami moved it across the street into a neighbor's yard, fortunately without damage to either of them. ✱ I spoke with **Yvonne Golding Weinhardt** in Dallas who said husband Bill died of rapidly progressing Alzheimer's disease in March 2006. Yvonne said her children have been wonderful in helping her through these difficult months, and her friends have kept her busy; she's been playing bridge almost daily and is trying to improve her own game by observing her more skillful colleagues. She has been serving as an usher at an organization in nearby Richardson, Texas, that stages such events as *The Nutcracker Suite*, choral groups, and similar musical productions, so she gets to see those. She has also been active in an investment club. She sounded great on the phone and seems to be coping well. ✱ I'm sorry to report the death of **Dick McGarry**, a native of Rutland, Vt., who died on October 26, 2006. With a degree from M.I.T., Dick worked as a chemical engineer on the Manhattan Project in 1944–45. He and wife Anne retired to Pittsfield, Vt., in 1983. We send our condolences to his family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ✱ Secretary Byington reports: **Betty Brigham Barrett** expects to stay in Norwich, Conn., in a duplex owned by her son. She has lots of grandchildren nearby so she stays quite busy and well. ✱ **Elly Reier Brown** lives in a retirement home near Boston. Even though she has balance problems and walks with a cane, she exercises a lot and gets to NYC for opera at the Met. She recently saw *Madame Butterfly*. ✱ **Margaret (Bounce) Dounce Dale** had some radiation treatments recently. Her three daughters live in Boston so they can visit frequently. Bounce is still in her own home in Longmeadow, Mass. ✱ **Mildred Carson Bonow** enjoys living in a retirement home in Cromwell, Conn. She stays close to home because she is legally blind and has heart problems. ✱ **Inky Ohlander DePodwin** plans to move to assisted living this spring and has been dealing with "downsizing problems." Her new address is 333 Elmwood Ave., #J517, Maplewood, NJ 07040. ✱ I regret to report the

death of **Katherine Kurtz Hodges** on October 14, 2006. Our condolences are sent to her family and friends. ★ **Rachael Swarthout King** is living at Kendal Retirement in Pennsylvania and enjoys it very much. Rachael retired from nursing after many years of working in hospitals and schools. Her husband was an engineer and they lived in various countries, including Germany and Brazil. ★ I received a card from **Virginia Clemens Lowman** describing a trip she and husband Rod took to the Girl Guide/Girl Scout World Center in Pune, India. After the meeting, they visited some of the historical sights in northwestern India, including the Taj Mahal, and many interesting city palaces. For some of these trips, they rode elephants or camels! —Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Ann Cole Byington*, 290 Kings Way, Unit 275, Duxbury, MA 02332; and *Dr. John S. Gale* (jsgale22@adelphia.net), 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.

44 **Marjorie (Marmie) Jolivet Manning** spent a week with all her children and grandchildren in Sun Valley where she enjoyed the beautiful snow and scenery. ★ The big event of the year for the well-traveled **Ruth Huff Allen** and husband Charles was a world cruise aboard the *Crystal Serenity*. Voyage I took them to several ports en route to Callao/Lima, Peru. From there, Voyage II of the cruise sailed to Papeete, Tahiti, via Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, and Bora Bora. They enjoyed perfect weather, which seems to be their usual luck. We think it's great they can still enjoy such extended travel. ★ A note from **Marjorie (Marge) Palmer Maxham** offered the opinion that "the 80s are not for the fainthearted." We couldn't agree more. Still she and husband Don are glad to be able to live in their own home, coping with grass, leaves, and snow. They are looking forward to the marriage of their granddaughter in June. ★ **Ruth Wheaton Evans** reported a gala few days with old friends in St. Louis, visiting the brand new Washington Univ. Art Museum, the botanical gardens that were showing the spectacular Chihuly glass, the zoo, and the St. Louis Symphony. She ended her note with "prayers for peace in a ravaged world." We say "amen" to that. ★ Our class sends its condolences to **Hugh Taft** on the death of brother Philip '36 on January 3. ★ One of our faithful phone callers, **Al Rathbun**, said he has given up his beloved tennis and now rides a bicycle. He suspects that folks walking around his part of town are saying, who is that old coot riding a bicycle! ★ We had reported in the winter issue that **Betty Mercer McChrystal** and husband Bill were scheduled to move into their new home in Carlsbad, Calif., after Labor Day. A later communication detailed the steps taken in the move, including stays with children and other relatives, until they finally moved on September 25. We are glad to report that they are happy in their new location. ★ **Pat Noe Bursaw** tells us that husband Bill '41 was able to make his 65th reunion at Middlebury before moving into another part of their facility in North Andover, Mass. ★ **Ruth Waldmann** writes, "The music and entertainment programs in my assisted living residence are outstanding, as is the aquatic aerobics program for arthritis in a nearby community center. What a good life!" ★ It was also good to hear from **Herb Taylor** over the Christmas holidays. ★ We still believe that more of our classmates must have something to say! —Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins* (Marilyn Graham) (nmratkins@prodigy.net), 70 Hilltop Pl., New London, NH 03256.

45 **Elaine King Dandh** wrote in her Christmas letter, "We are still in Mexico. Like all cities, Guadalajara is suffering growing pains. The suburban house we bought 20 years ago is now suburban, and the two-lane road that used to connect the city to the entrance of our *colonia* is now a six-lane highway, still under construction and sometimes so full of traffic as to be impassable. The orange grove behind our backyard garden is now a *colonia de lujo*, complete with clubhouse, swimming pool, and tennis courts. This is not the Mexico we fell in love with, and so the house is on the market. We'll probably move to McAllen, Texas, as close as we can get to the border. We spent the first four months of 2006 in India, having a few more adventures than we really wanted to have. Kesari bargained with a camel drover to ferry me out into the photogenic desert on his equally photogenic camel. For the sake of my camera, I went, with the drover's arms around my waist to make sure I didn't fall off. 'You are old,' commented the man. I grunted. 'How old are you?' he asked. I grunted again. He persisted. 'Are you ninety?' 'NO!' Later, he wanted a tip. Neither he nor the camel got so much as a rupee." Another adventure occurred when they fled to the mountains to escape the heat. They booked a six-week stay in a luxury hotel built on the side of a mountain, with a beautiful pool, lovely gardens, good service, and all at a great price. "But I woke one morning at five to see a hotel employee opening the closet, probably in search of my purse. He ran off, and I stumbled to the telephone. But he had cut the line. We reported the attempted theft. Then, when I got back to the room, I discovered that my camera was gone. In reparation for the loss, the hotel owner gave me a good digital camera. I'm still learning to use it." ★ Secretary Walker reports: **Priscilla (Pete) Hodges Heald** wrote about an Elderhostel trip she took with a friend last May. They spent one week in Austria and one in Italy, exploring the foothills of the Tyrolean Alps, namely Seefeld and Castlerotto. And hear this—seven of the climbers were over 80! One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the archaeological museum in Bolzano to see the Ice Man Otzi. "Walking six to eight miles a day was pretty strenuous, but we did it." Congratulations from your classmates! ★ Harlan and **Alice Southworth Tribble** took a long-awaited trip last fall on a cruise aboard the MS *Rotterdam* to Norway, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Russia, and Sweden. "Every stop was interesting, but the famous Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg was the one that will always linger in our memories." They were aware that security was greatly heightened. ★ Dick '43 and **Lee Van Leuven Morehouse** found the weather so mild last fall that they did not leave their summer home in Vinalhaven, Maine, until the end of November. By then, the central heat and indoor showers of their Camden, Maine, home attracted them back! Lee took a fascinating course on Cuba funded by the Maine Humanities Council. She also plans to join the Downeast Singers again for the upcoming season. Dick continues his architecture practice, serving both former and new clients. ★ With sorrow, I must report the death of **Carolyn Merrill Sinclair** on November 27, 2006. Our class sends its sympathy to her family. We also send condolences to the family of **Mary Hatcher Hruby** who died November 18 at the Medford Leas infirmary. I attended her lovely service in Mount Holly where her love of life and her devotion to family, friends, and church were expressed beautifully. I was greeted as the representative from Middlebury, her beloved alma mater. ★ **Alan** and **Jo Higgins**

Wolfley, who recently celebrated their 62nd anniversary, spent 2006 in Florida, London, and South America, where Al and partner-son Bill have several long-standing businesses and two new planned ventures for this year. Wolfley grandchildren include a lawyer who commutes between his London office and Moscow regularly; a lawyer who just passed his bar in Ohio and works for a Cleveland-based firm whose senior partner is a Midd grad; granddaughter Lisa Baumgartner '04 who is working towards an M.A. at the Univ. of London; another grandkid who works for an NGO in NYC; and one who has marriage plans for October 2007. This year Al and Jo are booked twice for the U.K. and at least once for Colombia, where the two youngest grandkids live! Al reminds classmates about the scholarship fund set up by the Class of 1945 to support needy and worthy students. "As you consider participating in the College's 2007 Annual Fund drive, why not designate this fund for your contribution?" —Class Secretaries: *Ann Robinson Walker* (uwalker@medleas.com), 181 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ 08055; and *Alan Wolfley* (aw451bg@aol.com), 22 Canaan Close, New Canaan, CT 06840.

46 We were most impressed when we learned that our **Gloria Antolini Keyser** is now a cover girl. She appeared in an ad for the retirement complex in Maine where she lives. After prospective buyers have seen Glo in the ad, they will undoubtedly flock to Piper Shores; we hope at least she got a free dinner out of it. ★ Not to be outdone by Gloria, John Carpenter, husband of **Connie Smith Carpenter**, also appeared in an ad for their retirement home in Vermont. Connie sent a great picture of her 80th birthday party, which she celebrated together with 27 of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It must have been a festive if not raucous event. ★ Ed and **Alice Thorn Laquer** survived the trauma of downsizing with aplomb after their move to a townhouse in Doylestown, Pa. With the move completed, Alice's biggest problem was finding a place to put her Christmas tree. ★ **Ann Argyle Lerew** wrote last August that her previous health problems are mending very well. She is driving again and we are very pleased to hear this good news. ★ **Nancy Rathgeb Smith** sent news of her trip to Italia last October with stops in Roma, Firenze, Venezia, and Milano. Part of the trip involved driving a car in Italy; that takes more courage than most of us have, believe me. ★ Speaking of traveling, in September **Bill** and **Jan Shaw Percival** toured the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Thailand, a 24-day trip. They were on 12 different airplanes, 10 different boats (ranging from a luxurious riverboat to a sanpan to a 40-mile-an-hour "James Bond" speedboat), one pedicab, and even one elephant. They visited Beijing, Xian, Chongquing, Shanghai, Guilin, Hong Kong, and Bangkok. Lasting memories are of the exceptional cleanliness of the hotels, airports, restaurants, and streets, the great beauty of the Chinese women who seemed to smile all the time, and the incredible talent of some of the gifted Chinese children. ★ **Cindy Darby Westmoreland** writes that she has no news. We guess, in itself, that is good news. ★ **Joanne Davis Hohmeister** told us about her stay in St. Martin, the French side of the island with Dutch St. Maarten. The island is especially beautiful and we got the impression Jo would return in a minute. —Class Secretaries: *Bill and Janet Shaw Percival* (ucpercival@aol.com), P.O. Box 337, Cataumet, MA 02534.

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Early in September 2006, **Jean Mace Burnell** attended a mini-reunion in Winnemucca, Nev., with **Graham and Sally McCullough Sterritt**, **Alex and Phyllis Howland McIntosh**, and **Frank and Floralie King Millsaps**. Jean said Winnemucca was "pretty much in the middle of nowhere, but we had fun being together." They had so much fun, in fact, that Frank and Flo might plan another reunion there. They all enjoyed a huge Basque dinner (there is a Basque influence in the region), shared the history of the West, viewed the scenic mountains, visited the fine museum, and talked, talked, talked! Surely we will find as much to talk about at our 60th class reunion in June. ★ Sally reports that she and Graham share an interest in stargazing and Graham is a volunteer in the Space Odyssey at the Museum of Nature and Science. ★ At home in Salt Lake City, Flo runs tours and plans monthly meetings with the Newcomer's Club, attends a wide variety of lectures with the mining wives group she belongs to, and enjoys both cross-country skiing and challenging long walks with her two dogs. She has had to give up snowshoeing, however. Her sadder news was of the sudden death of daughter Susanne. They held a celebration of Susanne's life with a potluck party attended by 300 of her friends. Flo's brother also died not long before that. Our sympathy and encouragement are with you, Flo. Despite the challenges, Flo keeps her good spirits and says her life is very satisfying. ★ The news from **Janet Rogers Enzmann** is her enthusiasm for small-boat cruising after a trip up the coast from Florida to Rhode Island. She and George loved the gracious people, the homes, and the ports of the South, as well as the quiet beaches, birds, and wildlife seen en route. They also enjoyed the fascinating large ports of Norfolk, Va., NYC, and Newport, R.I., all seen comfortably from shipboard. At home in Coupeville, Wash., Jan keeps busy with helping at the library, the museum, and the thrift shop. George, we are told, is a ping-pong expert and duplicate bridge whiz. ★ News of another western classmate came from Flo who wrote that **Martha (Pat) Harvey Oehler** has been touring widely, having visited a son in Dubai, another in L.A., and her sister in Brussels. ★ Back east, **Marion Durkee Stillman** took a nine-day train trip across Canada to Vancouver. She praised the beautiful scenery, especially at Banff and Lake Louise, and the lovely Butchart Gardens on Victoria Island. Marion plans to attend our 60th with her daughter, after missing our 50th when husband Don was so ill. ★ **Alice (Candy) DeLorenzo Stansbury** enjoyed a trip to four Hawaiian islands last November. She truly loved "the roiling Pacific, and the mountains and unique culture of Hawaii." Near home, she had a one-day visit with **Mary (Mickey) Pitz Hunt** last summer while at her time-share in New Hampshire. Another day Candy met former roommate **Alice Leach Marxreiter** for a day in New York. ★ Mickey expressed something that comes through in reports from many classmates when she wrote, "I'm still doing the same things but not as fast or for as long a time without a break." She celebrated her big birthday in Atlanta with all four of her children. Various children and grandchildren often visit her and help her in different ways. ★ **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** rejoices in her family, too, with four daughters and eight grandchildren spread across the country. Last year she visited California and Hawaii, and southern Quebec for a weeklong bike tour with Elderhostel. Later Jo visited London and Glasgow for three weeks, soaking up history and enjoying four excel-

lent plays. After Christmas she planned to move to a retirement community in Scarborough, Maine, right on the ocean and less than 10 minutes from daughter Becky's home, but still close to her beloved Portland. Jo says our former Dean of Women, **Mary Williams Brackett '36**, lives in that retirement community as does **Gloria Antolini Keyser '46**. ★ Herb and **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** sent a photo showing their 12-person extended family group last summer at the lake in New Hampshire where they live. Generations keep advancing! ★ **Alice Neef Perine** and **Jean Davis Battey** are co-chairs of our Reunion Gift Committee, with the goal of "providing a competitive financial aid package to all admitted students." Let's all help this happen! ★ With all the joyful news of classmates and travel, we remember those classmates who have died and those who have lost loved ones during the year such as **Jeannette Atkins Louth**, whose husband, Bill, succumbed to cancer. ★ If you can, do come back to Middlebury for our 60th reunion. Renew friendships and memories from the strength of the hills. We'll hope to see you there.

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Secretary Nourse reports: Nan and **Joe Fox** still reside in Florida but escape periodically so that they don't get too tan, visiting family in Alaska and Washington State. Joe plays golf Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and reports he "missed a two-foot putt which kept me from shooting my age (83) a month ago. But I had an 87 yesterday." He and Nan also get to Cape Cod each summer where they visit his daughter at her summer place. Joe was saddened to hear of Hal Richardson's recent death. Hal married Joe and Nan 30 years ago. ★ **Charlie and Mim Wade Butts** continue to keep busy in and out of their Lexington, Mass., home of 54 years. They serve as trustees of the Partnership of the Historic Bostons, organized to celebrate the 1630 founding of Boston, Mass., by the Puritans from Boston, Lincolnshire, England; they conduct four- or five-day trips for small groups from the Maine Maritime Museum to such places as Campobello, the Chesapeake Bay area, and the Hudson River Valley (later this year); and they keep in touch with four children and three grandchildren while making time for tennis, golf, walking, summer on Bustins Island, Casco Bay, Maine, and trying to keep fit enough to join us at our 60th next year. ★ **Rasjad Moore bin Abdullah** (a.k.a. Lynn Moore) wrote a newsy letter from Australia. He has moved again—this time to Neergabby, a 50-acre bush block midway between Gingin and the Indian Ocean. His address is P.O. Box 431, Gingin, Western Australia 6503. He and wife Asma live in a "donga," a transportable, aluminum-clad, air-conditioned, two-bedroom home with kitchen and bath and a lean-to annex for his computers and books. Some time ago he resigned from the Australian Labor Party, disillusioned with the party's immigration policies and its initial support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He subsequently joined the Communist Party which is still active in Australia "but with greatly reduced membership." ★ **Roger Beach**, our retired minister living in Pennsylvania, fell and broke his hip, requiring surgery, and he now has a new hip. His Marine Corps son, whom he and Virginia haven't seen in six-and-a-half years, will come from his base in California to visit them. This son has had two tours of duty in Iraq! Virginia, with her cancer under control, is "fine." ★ A wonderful letter arrived from

Livia Remmler Rosman. She and husband Dick have been living in Berkeley in the same house overlooking San Francisco Bay for the last 40 years. Livi, who majored in German, continues her interest in languages and reads contemporary German novels. The years of studying French at Midd have made their travels in France especially pleasurable. Recently Livi learned some Italian since son Rick and his wife were in Naples for fifteen months while Rick, an aerospace engineer for Boeing, worked on the new 787 with Italian engineers. Livi continues two interests that began at Middlebury, bird watching and hiking. The Rosmans would love to hear from any classmates who find themselves in the Bay Area. "We could go for a latte at our favorite Berkeley hangout. Looking forward to the 60th!" ★ Secretary Ness reports: Since retiring from teaching French, English, and Latin at three private schools, and English as a Second Language at a Japanese college, **Janet Hubbard Metcalf** has stayed busy teaching piano and Latin to some of their seven grandchildren who live nearby. Her other "fun" is translating e-mails that come from Bruyères, France, to a Japanese family in Hawaii whose father was in the famous 442nd Infantry in WWII that rescued the Lost Battalion of French soldiers. Jan and husband Tom '49 have never made a Midd reunion because both were in education and couldn't get free in June. We hope to see them both at Midd in 2008. ★ News hot off the wire! Kyle '49 and **Eleanor Barker Prescott** moved into a retirement home in Mississauga, Ontario, in December. They were in Vermont when they received word that the very suite they wanted was available, an enormous surprise as they had expected to wait two years. They rushed home to the inevitable downsizing and total chaos of moving on short notice. Eleanor wrote a quick note to say they love their new home. ★ **Janet Rice Smith** has been a Vermonter since 1951 when husband Alex '47 started at his first church in Burlington. When Alex retired, they lived in Burlington, but when Alex died in 1998, Ricie moved back to Essex Junction where Alex had been the rector for many years. Instead of singing in the choir, she now plays bells, stays active in church committees, helps at the middle school library, and continues keeping the books for the nearby Ronald McDonald House. In her spare time, she reads, does crossword puzzles, and visits her four children, some of whom also live in Vermont. ★ After **Sylvia Smead Gallagher** retired from teaching in 1991, she decided to write a book about her family who settled in Deerfield, Mass., in the late 1600s. In 2004, the Greenfield church, where her family has been involved since 1754, celebrated its 250th anniversary. Not only did Sylvia write a dramatic history for the occasion, but she has been busy ever since collecting, preserving, archiving, and creating a database for church documents and paintings in the capacity of First Congregational historian, clerk, and archivist. On a sad note, the class extends condolences to Sylvia whose husband, Donald, died very suddenly and unexpectedly on August 16, 2006. ★ **Marilyn Drake White** writes, "I'm still singing in the choir, taking flute lessons, attending exercise classes, and playing handbells. I'm feeling quite well after brain aneurysm surgery in 2003. Best wishes to all." ★ Please note Bart's new e-mail address.

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49 We welcome **Rachel Adkins Platt** as our new class secretary. She reports: It is with great sadness that I learned of the death of our classmate and class secretary, **Pat Allen Guthrie**, on December 5, 2006, at her home in Wolfeboro, N.H. She always had a smile on her face and was a joy to be with. The class sends its deepest sympathy to husband Dave and her family. ★ **Jean Scroggie** writes that it has been 10 years since she and John Wichern retired to Chapel Hill, N.C., where they designed and built their dream house. Since then, they have made two summerlong trips across the continent, driving four different routes, as well as adding Alaska and Hawaii to their total of 48 states visited. They also spent a month in Italy. Jean enjoys semiannual visits with son Bill Seixas and his two girls in California, and daughter Patricia Seixas and her son in Florida. ★ **Jane Baker** reports that she sees **Mary Seacord Shahan** for lunch often, and she also saw **Janet Correll Shahan** when she stopped by twice on her way to Nantucket last summer. Last fall Jane was in the Albany area and had a chance to catch up with Dwight and **Rachel Stryker Smith**. All are doing well. ★ As for my news, I was married on August 25, 2006, to Andy Donovan at Mead Chapel with my brother, **Lee Adkins**, officiating. We celebrated at dinner afterwards at Roland's Place with Lee, his wife Bonnie, and the couple that came with us from Rochester. We essentially eloped with the blessing of my six children and families and Andy's daughter and two grandchildren. We plan to have a family reunion this summer at Canandaigua Lake, all 33 of us, to celebrate. ★ Secretary Whittier reports: **Tom Metcalf**, basking in the delightful environment of Kailua in the Hawaiian Islands, commented about the enjoyment of year-round golf for the past 17 years. Tom still volunteers as director of his credit union but finds most pleasure in seeing his seven grandchildren, all living locally. ★ **Ed Kanias** and his wife planned to tour northern India for 17 days. We discovered a mutual appreciation for Yugoslavia, and countries in Eastern Europe, which we both toured. However, the Kanias capped the honors with trips to Egypt, the Dominican Republic, and Hawaii in 2006. ★ Keeping a fair perspective, we report that life is also good on Cape Cod. **Bob Parker** retired to Chatham, Mass., where he continues to play singles and doubles tennis (indoors this past winter, we assume), sails, and fishes in more compatible conditions. Bob once sailed competitively but now follows a more leisurely pursuit of life at sea. ★ **Herb Broner** resides in Potomac, Md., where he and his wife of 56 years, Janice, dote on seven grandchildren. Two daughters are Midd Kids—Lisa Broner Cort '75 and Karen Broner Dippo '78; son Frank lives in Connecticut. Retired from Mohasco in 1989, Herb served on numerous for- and not-for-profit boards. Current activities include a lot of bridge and extensive travel. ★ Lacrosse revisited: **Bill Kroeck** graciously corrected your secretary's previous error in reporting a Bill Keck was responsible for introducing lacrosse at Middlebury—my apologies. The real Bill Kroeck is alive and well, having recovered from several serious cancer and other surgeries between 2003 and 2005. To celebrate, Bill and his wife enjoyed an Elderhostel voyage in the San Juan Islands aboard a 1913 schooner, the *Adventuress*. Bill said he was "very participatory" with nautical tasks and classes. On a different tack, Bill is actively trying to locate classmates who helped found lacrosse at Midd. ★ In November, a *Newsday* article featured **John D'Aquila** and a Veterans Day meeting he had with Werner Reich, a man he helped liberate from

Mauthausen concentration camp in 1945. The men had never met before but had many stories to share about the horrors of Mauthausen. Having enlisted during his sophomore year at Midd, John was serving as a medic with the 21st Armored Infantry Battalion, 11th Armored Division under the direction of Gen. George Patton.

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50 Secretary Porter reports: On a trip last April to Belgium and the Netherlands, **Jacqueline Brooks Davison** enjoyed seeing the well-maintained dikes (that could show New Orleans how to control flooding), the fascinating architecture of Brussels, Bruges, and Amsterdam, the broad fields of tulips and daffodils in bloom, and the museums of Baroque and Renaissance masters, including a special exhibit for Rembrandt's 400th anniversary. She spent much of July in Brattleboro, Vt., with Middlebury roommate **Jane Murdoch Baker**, escaping the heat of Gainesville, Fla., where she has become an ardent "Gator," cheering on its basketball and football teams. ★ Jane writes, "Like most families ours is scattered, but we do get together as often as possible. I keep in touch with many Midd classmates and they remain my dearest friends. Having a Midd husband (Stephen '52) and three Midd sons, Middlebury is never too far from our minds. Several times a year we visit a quiet island in the Caribbean that Chuck Ratte '52 suggested to us in 1971." ★ **Peg Teachout Meyer** writes, "I am living in the rural, wooded area of southern Oregon—leading a pleasant but unexciting and nonglamorous life. For over 10 years, I have delivered meals to shut-ins several times a week. Being slightly addicted to duplicate bridge, I play regularly and I continue to sing in the church choir. I have been active in AAUW over the years, and I have traveled as much as possible, leaving husband and his faithful dog at home. We keep busy trying to maintain contact with nine grandchildren (mostly in Oregon and California, but one in Pennsylvania). One of the continuing joys of the last 10+ years is wonderful college reunion gatherings with **Carol Carlton Spooner**, Janey Baker, **Hope Redington Chapin**, **Helen Highley Matel**, Jackie Davison, and in the past, the late **Barb Ferris Smith**. These friends from a wonderful time in my life are very special." ★ Thirty years ago, Hanna and **John Burleigh** moved to Atlanta for Goodyear, fully expecting to move again in the usual three-year cycle, and are still there to enjoy retirement. They visit New England every year to see friends and son Jonathan '81, who lives in Darien, Conn. They are proud and pleased that two grandchildren entered Middlebury in February. Daughter Betsy, who is the assistant director of choruses for the Cleveland Orchestra and was recently appointed director and conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, conducted Handel's *Messiah* with the Pittsburgh Symphony and Chorus at Heinz Hall this past Christmas season. ★ A note from **Hans Bruijnes** acknowledges that he is still living but getting older. ★ After 32 years with Alcoa, **Peter Knight** retired for the third time. "We live in Mary Belle's home of West Palm Beach, Fla., where she keeps me busy relandscaping the place. We both work out two or three times a week. We toured Wales and Ireland last summer, made another ship reunion in St. Augustine, and signed up for another Elderhostel, this one on Amelia and Cumberland islands. We did

Epcot in November with our son who is retired from the USAF and now flies a Gulfstream 550 as a corporate pilot. I was again a judge at the PBC Science Fair. Those kids are smart! Mary Belle and I volunteer at a soup kitchen once a month. We survived hurricane season, but a tornado took out a huge tree in the front yard. It takes all day to get the shutters up. Let's hope 2007 is a pussycat like 2006." ★ **Dave Wallace** was featured last fall in the *Westport* (Mass.) *Shorelines*. Along with his illustrious career as an architect, including work on the Big Dig in Boston, Dave has also served on Westport's planning board and the master plan update committee. Dave and his wife have one son in Honolulu who is an architect, a daughter in Kauai working in interior design, and a son who works for a development management firm near Boston. They have traveled extensively, especially in Southeast Asia, and enjoy visiting their family in Hawaii. ★ We regret to report that on September 18, 2006, **Jack Henry** passed away. Fellow DKE brother **Sam Masters** remembers many good times with Jack during their Midd days. Although they went their separate ways after graduation, Sam was delighted to talk with Jack on the phone a couple of years ago when Jack was fund-raising for the College. Sam then learned to his surprise that they both belonged to the Seniors of South Carolina group and he wishes they could have played golf together. **Harold Brew** wrote to say he was sorry to hear of Jack's death and remembers him as warm, interested, and interesting, with a great sense of humor. We send our condolences to his wife and all his family. ★ When one of our classmates dies, your secretaries are not always able to provide personal memories about him or her if we did not know the classmate well. Please feel free to send us remembrances at any time if a special Middlebury friend passes away. We would welcome them!

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51 **Frank Tuxbury** writes that retirement is providing opportunity for singles tennis, downhill skiing, and golf. His favorite ski area is Alta, Utah, and favorite golf tourney the British Open at St. Andrews, Scotland, where he watched Tiger Woods win in 2000 and 2005. ★ Jean and **Dick Perry** moved from New Hampshire to a retirement community in St. George, Utah, and describe their first year as "great." The community center offers a fitness club, Dick's milieu to gain and maintain better health after a severe pulmonary infection requiring hospitalization. He happily reports that his doctor also feels golf qualifies as exercise. Indoor and outdoor swimming pools allow for water aerobics as exercise therapy for Jean's rotator cuff repair and serve as a place where new friendships are forged. They spent Christmas in Salt Lake with daughter Daphne '83 and Bill, and also visited son Frank's children. ★ We received a Christmas card from Al McCombs telling us that **Gretchen Deckelman McCombs** is happy and healthy in a good care home nearby, despite her Alzheimer's. They became grandparents for the first time, "at age 77," on October 27, 2006, when their son and his wife had a boy and named him Nicholas Allan McCombs. ★ We regret to report the death of our classmate **Charles Ford** on November 27, 2006. **Don Sherburne** remembers Charlie lived on the top floor of Starr Hall his freshman year, as did Don. **Bob Delaney** lived on the second floor, and added that he and Don and

Charlie all became members of Chi Psi. All of us extend our sympathy to his family, especially brother Jud Ford '52. ★ **Jack Guetens** lives "a simple life-style as a semi-bachelor." Retired from active coaching, he is now a consultant, meaning no definitive change. Son Vern, in Cheshire, has a boy and a girl; son John in Montville has two boys. Both sons are active as youth hockey coaches. Jack works a part-time job two or three days a week, and has acquired a 1960 Austin Healy Sprite for restoration—"don't ask me why." He's also "trying to remain in quality condition as a member of the senior/senior set." Jack is still with Lilly whom many of us met at our 55th. ★ **Mary Kahler Hench** called to say that last September, three days after the sudden, unexpected death of ex-husband Jack Henty '50, she received the diagnosis of her Alzheimer's disease. She was looking into moving to a smaller place 10 miles north to be closer to family, in an area of handsome old plantations and beautiful gardens. No longer singing in the church choir, she is still heart and soul the artist and poet and hopes soon to be again in a painting class. ★ **Bill Stewart** verified our recollection that he lived at Dog Team Tavern his freshman year, and he recalled some others who lived there, too: Richard (Zeke) Drown '50, **Bob Phillips**, **Jack (Scat) Hagan**, and **Bruce Puckett**. He said it was a great place to live. The joys treated them very well and the food was good! A real bonus was being alongside the New Haven River during the beautiful fall and spring times. (Does anyone remember, as we do, going there to "study for exams"? Bill was an usher at our wedding five days after graduation. After service in the Korean War, he followed his brother's beckoning and went to California where he found work and met wife Peggy. They traveled quite a bit for the first 10 years after his retirement from California and Hawaiian Sugar Company, but don't so much now. They see fellow Marin County resident **Jo Overlock Hoffmire** quite frequently. The mention of her name brings back the memory of her nearly daily reminder in college—an immediate "Overlock" spoken forcefully when the learned professors roll called "Overlook"—until at last they heard her! ★ Many of you heard **Jim Kitchell** speak at reunion about his long, illustrious career in broadcasting. Five years ago, Jim moved from Atlanta to Montrose, Colo., and last October he was profiled in the *Montrose Daily Press* as a promising member of the Montrose Community Foundation. His first objective was to make the foundation's image stronger. He certainly brings a wealth of experience to the organization! ★ **John** and **Helen Reid Gilmore** shared news of classmates. John has for several years gone to Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital for shoulder treatment and discovered that his surgeon is the son of **Jane Walker Nutting**. John added that **Helen Guernsey Bates** still lives in Washington State and winters in Hemet in southern California. She planned to be in Seattle for Christmas and spend the holidays with family. Helen spoke with **Don** and **Pat Ray Christiansen** as they were about to head out for a Caribbean cruise, and she also wrote of having supper with **Marty O'Brien Fenn** and her sister. Marty is president of the Brattleboro, Vt., AAUW, working with its book sale and other activities. ★ **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming** heartily enjoyed a second annual date with the Gilmores at the incomparable Clark Museum in Williamstown, Mass., followed by good food and conversation at the Williams Inn. Bill is celebrating more than three years of two new knees. No pain on the golf course or in the odd kneelings and bendings required of a locksmith, his retirement work since 1990. Phyllis was diagnosed

with Sjogren's Syndrome 10+ years ago, but mild dry eyes (Bion drops to the rescue) and unrelenting dry mouth resulting in some tooth loss is her worst-case scenario. "I no longer own a bookstore nor am I now ombudsman advocate in nursing homes, but I love being librarian for the League of Vermont Writers, volunteer hosting twice a month at the fabulous senior center in Charlotte, reading and writing a lot, and attending a halo-producing exercise class at UVM, necessitating leaving home at 7 A.M., three days a week. Two of our children live in Vermont, one an hour away in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and one presently in Florida. We have six grandchildren; three in college, one taking a year off after high school before starting college in fall '07, one a high school junior, and one in fifth grade. And then there are our two cats—golden oldie Benji who takes glucosamine for agility, and Copernicus, a one-year-old who either purrs and cuddles or hurtles through the air to retrieve whatever we've tossed." ★ Do write or call us anytime with news, thoughts, comments, or about meetings with Middlebury friends. It is a privilege, and fun, to help our class better keep in touch. (Remember when being at Middlebury meant knowing everybody's name, even of exalted upperclassmen?) Our entry above is our way of reintroducing ourselves. We hope you'll do the same!

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We report regretfully that **Ron Prinn** died on October 24, 2006. Ron had a very successful career as an Episcopal minister and also taught mathematics for 13 years at high school and college. He will be sorely missed by his classmates. We extend our condolences to his wife, Barbara (Pike) '51, and his many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. ★ We have also learned belatedly of the passing of **Barbara Chaney Ferguson**. An obituary was sent to Secretary Cahill from **Mary Halsted Francoeur**, who said Barbara died very unexpectedly on May 31, 2006, after suffering an aneurysm. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

★ Secretary Cahill also reports: Thanks to all who sent Christmas greetings to me with class news. **Cynthia Fuguet Shurtleff** and husband Dr. David are still in Seattle. Cynthia is busy as the chair of the Immunization Action Coalition of Washington; as a board member of a PAC to elect legislators who are pro children's health, education, and well-being; and as the community liaison for the Washington chapter AAP. Husband Dave presented two papers at a spina bifida professional meeting in Fulda, Germany, in November (the first outsider ever invited). As a result, they enjoyed a trip together to Cambridge, England, and then to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Isle of Skye in Scotland. They stopped to see Cynthia's brother and other friends on the way home. Cynthia will not make reunion as she is participating in a conference at that time. ★ Still actively playing tennis, **Sally Baldwin Utiger** was in Austin, Texas, in November representing New England on the Senior Women's Intersectional tennis team. She also works at her local community thrift shop, which benefits local projects. They rely on her mobility as she is the youngest worker in the group! ★ **Carol Whitham Brewster** sent a great picture of her and **Jane Rupp Cooke** at Sunday River last March when Jane skied the National Masters meet. She also included a picture of her seven grandchildren—a handsome group!

Before Christmas, Carol prepared for three choral groups presenting concerts. ★ Jane and husband Jim sent a great card with snapshots of their trip last fall to Australia and New Zealand. Jane spent her 76th birthday in Auckland. It was their first trip to the southern hemisphere so they were in awe of the opposite directions and seasons! At a vineyard south of Melbourne, they spent five days as guests of a former Rhode Island woman who has lived there for over 50 years. They also went to Sydney and Cairns where they swam and snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef. ★ **Nancy Shahan** spent 12 lovely days in the southern Caribbean on a new Holland America ship, the *MS Noordam*. Many of the staff were from Indonesia and were very captivating. ★ Not much is new for **Lynn McMillen** but she is anxiously trying to relocate to Michigan to be closer to family. ★ My son, Bill Jr., brought me an article from a Worcester paper about **Don (Dee) Rowe** speaking at the Becker College Athletic Hall of Fame banquet last October. Dee, of course, had a great basketball career not only at Midd but before that at Worcester Academy, and went on to have a successful career at UConn both as coach and fund-raiser. He's a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and on Feb. 5 was inducted into the UConn men's basketball "Huskies of Honor" recognition program. At Midd he originated the winter term course, Coaching Young Athletes, with an emphasis on ethics and opportunities in sport, including how to network for a job. In recognition of his inspiration through the course, Middlebury this year renamed it the Donald "Dee" Rowe Coaching and Issues of Sport. Congratulations, Dee, on your many accomplishments. We're happy to know that you are well and so active. ★ I'm looking forward to our 55th reunion and to passing this wonderful job on to another news columnist for a while. I have been enjoying life, especially with my six grandsons and all their sporting events. You name the sport—somebody plays it and I'm there! Please be in touch with me and set aside June 1–3 for our reunion! —Class Secretaries: *Jeanne Parker Cahill*, 10 Old Planters Rd, Beverly, MA 01915; and *Joe Davis* (sensei@valley.net), P.O. Box 3, The Ridge, Orford, NH 03777.

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Buzz Tilton reports that he and Carol had a great Western trip last July. They visited Skip Smith '59 in Steamboat Springs, Colo. "We then took a bus tour to Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Cody, Wyo., Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Jackson Hole, and ended in Salt Lake. We spent some time with oldest son Peter who had just built a home in the mountains looking across the valley at Park City. He works for the U.S. Ski Team as an events operation coordinator. After our visit with Peter we drove to Bend, Ore., and had a fun visit with Sue and **Ceddie Sherrer** at Widgi Creek, returning to Florida the end of July. Ceddie has recently had his hips replaced and is doing fine." ★ **Tom Thompson** relayed an interesting thought: "If the clock ran backward from our graduation, the current year would be 1900—a time when many of our parents were born!" ★ **Don Peach** writes, "After 23 years in the high desert in northwest Colorado, Tineke and I have found it quite an adjustment to move back to Vermont. We miss the open spaces, dry climate, and easy-going life in that part of the U.S. Tineke is busy volunteering with a seniors group in South Hero, and I could not resist becoming active in the local town government, serving as secretary to the selectboard and on the Recreation

Commission. I am compiling the poems of my father, Arthur Peach, who was for many years the poet laureate of Vermont. Our home has frontage on Lake Champlain, and I am trying to become a sailor as well as continuing my canoeing, but no longer in competition."

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54 Secretary Ryan reports: I had a nice conversation with **Carey (Smitty) Smith** who now lives in Tallahassee, Fla. After two years in the Army (Korea and Japan), and one year in NYC at Columbia where he got an M.A. and married Fanne Kehoe, Smitty spent his next 30 years in public education at Sewanhaka Central High School District in Floral Park, N.Y., as a teacher, principal (15 years), and assistant superintendent. Today he remains as busy as ever, working for the last eight years as a volunteer assistant to the chief of police of Tallahassee, four hours a day, four days a week. Smitty and his wife selected Tallahassee a number of years ago and he claims he doesn't miss New York. Two of their daughters matriculated at FSU, the climate is nice, and "it's not a retirement community. The average age of the Tallahassee resident is 27.8, at least partly because it's a college town. Neither of us plays golf, so we don't need a golfing community. For us, it's just perfect." Three of their five children now live in Tallahassee, with one each in Louisville and Indianapolis. In great health, Smitty walks 2+ miles a day and also walks up three flights of stairs to get to the chief's office "without touching the handrail." After 26 years, **Dick Stoehr** has retired from his Congregational ministry in South Dennis, Mass. Dick left Middlebury at the end of our junior year and spent four years in the Army Medical Corps at Fort Dix and at Walter Reed Hospital. Upon his return to Middlebury in 1957, he decided that a career in medicine was not for him and that he would prefer to "treat the whole person, rather than just a few of their physical parts." Accordingly, after graduation, he worked for the Boy Scouts of America for five years before getting a degree in theology at the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. He and wife Judith have two children (one in Massachusetts and the other in Minnesota) and five grandchildren. After enjoying many vacations in New Hampshire, a few years ago they bought a schoolhouse, built in 1809 and converted to a home in 1860, in Center Sandwich, a town of some 1,250 located in the geographic center of the state. "I thoroughly enjoy retirement. I'm active in the local church and a variety of environmental affairs. I recently dredged, by hand, an old fire pond behind our house and hauled out enough rocks (and parts of old cars) to build a really beautiful stone wall in front of our house."

* **Fred Buckley** is happy and retired in Hartford, Conn. After 30 years with insurance companies, Fred went to work as a contract administrator for the Department of Defense. Fred and wife Dorothy have a daughter ("One of the best things that ever happened to me!") living in nearby Somerville, Mass. Their health is good, and time is spent playing golf and working with their church. * And as for me (Tom), we are still working and traveling, with maybe less work and more traveling. We went for an extended trip to New Zealand and then Alaska.

* **Patricia Rice Cunningham** writes, "In 2006, my colleague Dr. Robert Bendavid and I completed our translation into English of a modern French classic textbook, *Anatomie chirurgicale des hernies de*

l'aine ("Surgical Anatomy of Hernias of the Groin") by Henri Fruchaud (Paris, Doin, 1956). It's available, free of charge, at www.americanherniasociety.org. I heartily recommend translating as a post-retirement activity!" * **Diane Schwob Strong** writes, "After 33 years in our house, we are moving to a townhouse nearby. Going through my life—and throwing out most of it—is really difficult. Our youngest son and family are buying our house, which by Houston standards, is a relic as it is over 50 years old. Everyone in our neighborhood is tearing down the old houses and building new. We are surrounded by McMansions and look like the little house on the prairie. We will be dividing our time between Houston and our beach house on the Gulf of Mexico near Galveston. Every year we breathe a sigh of relief in November to be spared a killer hurricane. We also belong to a private club/resort near Boca Raton, Fla. Our eleven grandchildren are growing up as we grow older—the oldest grandson just started college! Where has the time gone?" * **Rod and Lannie Osborn Gartner** are keeping up a busy lifestyle while living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley (Pa.), a life care community. On a visit last summer to Arizona, they spent time with Ken and **Barbara Knight Moffitt** at The Boulders, catching them in between their trips. Time was also spent at their home on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie, where their four children and families gather. This year, in anticipation of their 50th wedding anniversary, they are planning a trip to Europe in May, traveling on a riverboat from Amsterdam to Budapest. * So, like the majority of our classmates, let's all stay active and stay connected!

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55 Since our e-mail boxes do not overflow with news from our class, we decided to prime the pump. Randomly selecting some classmates, we asked them what had gone well in 2006 and what gives them zest in their lives. The replies indicate that '55ers are indeed out there traveling, contributing to their communities, enjoying family, and feeling blessed in their lives. Don't hesitate to send e-mails to us at any time about what you are doing and enjoying. * **Ann Towle Dolbashian** is very active in the large music program at her church. She plays the organ for worship services, provides accompaniment for the adult, youth, and handbell choirs, and plays the organ or piano for vespers and other special services during the year. Last October Ann gave a presentation at a meeting of the Rhode Island chapter of the American Guild of Organists on how to become a commissioned minister of music in the United Church of Christ. She has been asked to be a panelist at its 2007 regional convention in Providence in June when they will discuss ways of interesting young people in the organ. Last June she attended a four-day institute on "Worship and the Arts" at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, which included musicians and pastors involved in both music and ministry. In addition, Ann has many opportunities to support her grandchildren, who live within 25 miles, in their many sports and dance activities. * **Dave and Jojo Kittell Corey** took a number of trips in 2006. In January, they began a cruise in Auckland, New Zealand, that ended in Sydney, Australia, in February. They had dinner with **Peggy Spaeth Zeigler** and husband Lee in San Francisco en route to the cruise. In August, they traveled to Salt Lake City for a band competition,

in which the Brattleboro American Legion Band participated. (Jojo is a member in the percussion section.) Her band came in second, only losing by little over one point to a much bigger band from Joliet, Ill. The Coreys then drove to several places in California, visiting Dave's 100-year-old aunt, Peggy's 97-year-old aunt, and some very good friends. And, in 2006, one of Dave's daughters presented them with their 12th grandchild. They also managed their usual number of hockey games and operas.

* **Patricia Gibbs Carpenter** has not seen any '55ers since seeing **Marge Morgan Holt** at the '54 reunion. She almost saw **Joan Tolley Bassett** in Florida last winter. She'd really love for classmates to drop by, either in Florida or on Vancouver Island. She and Bill '54 enjoyed renewing their friendship with Dick McCoy '54 last spring. In answering the question of what went well in 2006, Pat wrote, "Our health, our offspring, and their offspring—with the 20-year-old granddaughter finally deciding on a positive path in college, and the two-year-old one looking intelligent, and the five in between just fine. In spite of some aches and pains, we feel plenty young and encouraged when we spend time with some lively 90-year-olds at church or golf." * **Dave** and **Diana Parish '56 McKissock** celebrated their 50th last September with a cruise on the *Crystal Serenity* from Dover, England, to Monte Carlo. They visited the Normandy Coast—Caen, Omaha Beach, and Deauville. "We were very fortunate to have a woman guide who was a native of the area and who made the day a memorable one for us. The memorials are beautifully done and will always remain a moving tribute to those who gave their lives for us on D-Day and beyond. The American flag still flies high in Normandy and their citizens will always welcome us." * We regret to report that after a long and dignified battle with cancer, **Chuck Craig** died on November 19, 2006. We join our entire class in expressing our condolences to his family. We were indeed blessed to have him at our 50th reunion. * **Win Tremaine** listed the highlights of 2006 as follows: "(1) a ski get-together in Utah with my brother from Hawaii and former U.S. Steel colleagues, (2) a 10th-wedding-anniversary trip with Elizabeth to Phoenix, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, and Las Vegas, (3) a Smithsonian lecture on climate change, (4) milking a cow at the 18th-century Phillipsburg farm on the Hudson River, (5) a cruise on the Connecticut River where we saw bald eagles, and (6) a two-week tour through Italy where we ate pasta every day." * Like many in our class, travel was a big part of 2006 for **Alli Lank** and wife Connie. They took a fabulous 15-day cruise last April with brother-in-law Hugh van Zelm '56 and wife from Fort Lauderdale through the Panama Canal, touching down in Costa Rica and Mexico, and ending up in San Francisco. They also spent three weeks in South Africa (their ninth trip—they love it there), traveling with daughter Elizabeth and family, including two grandchildren ages 15 and 12. The highlight was watching the reaction of the kids to the fauna of the African bush when they all spent three nights at each of two safari lodges. Alli and Connie continued on to Botswana and the Okavango Delta for six days. For Christmas they traveled to Switzerland to spend time with family in the chalet they built 28 years ago in the Alpes Vaudoises.

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56 John Hoops, Bob Vuillet, and Karl Brautigam flew to Palm Springs, Calif., for a week of golf with Mike Philbin at his estate there. Since the host had been playing golf all year, his Northeastern guests were hoping for strokes, but their expectations were not high. * Peter and Sandy Harden Greenman write, "We've now lived full-time on Block Island for over a dozen years, and this fall we went to another island—Sicily. We loved the mountains and seascapes, ancient history, architecture, and people. The 'mountain gods' put on quite a show for us, thundering in the bowels of the earth and spewing rocks and lava. We ended our trip in Venice and as we glided romantically in our gondola, Peter began to sing and tourists hung over the bridges to listen." * In the "this could be news" category, we discovered classmates who make small but inspiring headlines on a regular basis. Ned MacDowell chaired his Port Chester Presbyterian Church's first CROP walk, an event that raises money for Church World Service, helping locally as well as around the world. Ned also gives his time playing those wonderful "oldies" in nursing homes to warm the hearts and stir the aging minds of the patients. * Jack Harrington is "still going strong and loving it" with his American folk music band called Potluck. The band plays lots of gigs in the local area and adds great pleasure to the small community-based events. * Dick Powell has been the team leader for the Gainesville (Va.) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) since 2005. "We are fully trained and equipped with gear necessary to assist in a man-made or natural disaster. Recently, I designed a simulated tornado strike of our neighborhood—a great training and PR exercise. Since Washington, D.C., is only 35 miles east of us, we are in the prime target area for a possible terrorist attack. Hopefully nothing will ever happen, but it is a good feeling we could be useful if needed. Guess I never got over being a Boy Scout or soldier." * Please let us know how you help in your community. We can be wonderful resources to society by using our gifts and time to help others.

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57 REUNION CLASS You should all have received your reunion yearbook. Hopefully, reading through it has inspired you to come to campus for reunion weekend June 1–3. See you then!

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58 Janet Miller McKee recently took a trip to NYC and Washington, D.C., with Bonnie Mairs, John '57 and Ginny Havighurst Middleton, Debby West Zipf, and Lucy Carpenter Freeman to celebrate 70th birthdays. * Len Colt has gone into semiretirement but remains a director and part owner of a sales and marketing company specializing in organic products. It's a new company that's growing rapidly due to the terrific growth of the organic industry in this country. * Retired human rights lawyer Russ Christensen drove from Maine to Washington, D.C., in January to participate in a demonstration against the wars our country is taking part in. In addition he wrote an open letter to Congress and an op-ed piece voicing his opposition

to the government's handling of our foreign affairs. Russ served as a lieutenant in the Korean War. * Stephanie Eaton has decided to step down as class secretary for our class. We deeply appreciate her years of service.

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59 "Life has a way of surprising us," writes Sally Sprague Carr. "My 'plan' for retirement was to read all those novels that I never had time to read and garden in our lovely acre in Painesville, Ohio. But that was not the path set out for me: first, I started taking classes in a series called *Disciple* and then began teaching it at our local Methodist church. From that, many other learning experiences have developed, including helping with our yearly women's retreat. My greatest joy, however, has centered around showing our dogs. If you've seen *Best in Show*, that's me! Well, maybe not quite, but this is a whole new world for this neophyte. I could not be more surprised at this new love in my life—it just goes to show 'it's always something!'" * Terry Twichell really enjoys retirement. "Alas, playing a lot of golf has not been reflected in lower scores. Traveled to Machu Picchu and the Galápagos. Truly amazing places. One new grandchild and another on the way. Life is good!" * Jim Southard lives in Sunapee, N.H., and works as a ski instructor at Mt. Sunapee. He loves every minute of it, especially working with kids in the school program. In summer he golfs and gardens. He also volunteers his time for the town as a trustee of the Trust Fund and for various activities such as Special Ski Olympics. * Family visiting Sukey Tallman Walter last Christmas included son Bill '84 and Stacy Littlefield Walter '84 and daughter Elizabeth Walter Miller '92 and husband Josh '93 plus five possible future Middlebury grads, Katy, Emily, Reese, Kiana, and Nate. They had just finished enlarging the house to hold children and grandchildren on their visits! * Pam Payne Lewis and her husband spent the Christmas holidays with younger son Kevin, wife Laurie, and granddaughter Gabrielle (Brie) Marie (10 mos.). Older son Peter is completing a doctorate in clinical psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology. Highlights for Pam include her student completing an instructional DVD, based on previous students' work, for her professional speaking classes, and a trip to Paris this summer to present a paper at the Fifth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities. She plans to give a talk called "Metaphor and Mission: Using the Language of Literature to Articulate Visions for Positive Social Change." And no, she won't be speaking in French!

* Now that classmates are turning 70, Anne Martin Hartmann notes many are celebrating, sometimes together. "It's so nice to be in touch with Cynthia Hall Marshall, Carolyn Parks Behr, and Granthia Lavery Preston. Mind you, it can be tricky, as this seems to be a traveling bunch." Anne herself took a family trip to New Zealand to visit daughter Cassie and family and then to Singapore where another relative has a diplomatic post for two years. She adds that she ran into Orson St. John last December. He lives in Pomfret, Vt. * Carolyn Behr writes, "Pete Erbe is gearing up for reunion, even though it's over two years away. Our first task is to try to find the classmates who are listed by Middlebury as 'lost.' If you are in communication with a classmate who's out of touch with our class and with the College,

encourage that person to communicate with us. And, of course, if you want to be part of the planning for Our Big Event, please let us know." * Andy Montgomery hoped to see Russ Miller and Bruce MacIntyre in late March as they "sponged up the west coast and down the east coast of Florida." He said Dean Beyer and wife would be there in April celebrating number 70. He was headed to Costa Rica to hike the rain forest in early March, a Sierra Club-sponsored event." * Last July Ginny Schlosser Vailes had a family reunion with three sons, their wives, her daughter and four small grandsons in Rockport, Mass., the lovely town where they spent many summers in the past. While there, she had lunch and a great visit with Larry and Obee Hickcox Ryan. They were visiting one of their sons nearby. There's a mini-reunion in the works for this July somewhere near Reno for Ginny, Obee, Ruth Winingger Reiterman, Ilse Benzien van der Bent, and Betty Layer Hoyt. * In 2001 Avery Tillinghast retired from three decades of coordinating hospital and health care philanthropy throughout New England. He's in his 53rd year racing sailing craft, competing now in a class of 12 International 110s. In the local Rotary Club, he serves as program chair and annual economic forum coordinator for the northeast Connecticut business community. He continues to mentor young people, is treasurer of his church, and keeps comfortably occupied. He sends his best wishes to classmates. * Dave Collin enjoyed the opening of the Florida Senior Softball winter league in January—three doubleheaders a week. "With four joint replacements, I've lost a step or two." * Inveterate traveler Fred Swan and wife Pat spent an interesting week in Panama last October. "We concentrated on identifying birds in one of the National Parks near our hotel and went on a half-day tour of the Canal. The greatest adventure was mistakenly driving into a poor section of Panama City and having to hire a taxi to lead us to our hotel." * Martha Gerhart writes, "Volume II of my *Italian Song Texts from the 17th through the 20th Centuries* (The 18th Century) came out in March. It took a lot of sedentary time at my computer, so I started out the New Year by enrolling in a 'Silver Sneakers' exercise class at my local Y!" * John Medici enjoyed his 50th high school reunion in Park Ridge, N.J., only the second time he had been back. He traveled to Hawaii to compete in the World Aquathlon (run-swim-run) where he came in second. In other swimming news, he was asked to swim one relay in a national YMCA meet in Florida and ended up in three races that qualified for Masters recognition (All-American standing). He sent for a fourth All-American patch after the national open water mile race in Lake Erie. John has three granddaughters, children of middle son Eric. He looks forward to seeing everyone at our 50th. * More book recommendations include three from Betty Hoyt: *109 East Palace*, by Jennet Conant (Simon & Schuster, 2005), a narrative about Los Alamos in which the author writes about the involvement of her grandfather, James Bryant Conant, in the development of the atomic bomb; *House of War*, by James Carroll (Houghton Mifflin, 2006) tracing the development of the military industrial complex from the construction of the Pentagon to the present; and *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*, by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin (Knopf, 2005). * Lucy Paine Kezar suggests *An Anthropologist on Mars: Seven Paradoxical Tales*, by Oliver Sacks (Knopf, 1995), which includes "fascinating insights into the human mind—the remarkable experiences of seven individuals who live and work with their own var-

ied kinds of neurological damage." For more reading suggestions, be sure to visit our Web site: http://www.middlebury.edu/alumni/class_pages/1959/default.htm.

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60 **Jeanette Cone Kimmel** serves on four committees as a trustee of the Baltimore Museum of Art. She spends almost as much time in Baltimore as she does at home in NYC. Stanley and Jeanette are keeping busier than they would prefer. * **Don Chaffee** still enjoys teaching economics, statistics, and international management at Aquinas College. Two of his three offspring are still in college, one a senior at Michigan State and the other a sophomore at Grand Valley State Univ. He keeps active by running and competing in triathlons—three last summer. The Middlebury alumni population is a bit thin in southwest Michigan. The only local alum he's seen in years is Joe Boland '59. * **Susan Severson Emerich** designed their first house, a New England farmhouse, cedar shakes and all, and they built it themselves, except for the mechanicals. The one thing she forgot was salt air. The shingles never turned grey, even with Cabot's bleaching oil! She also did many types of art, until a medical disaster destroyed 90 percent of her visual fields in 1996. She and her husband share a love of music and have enjoyed singing in church and civic choirs. When she couldn't see the scores any more, she became a listener rather than performer. Instead of downsizing, as many our age are doing, they have just completed an addition (designed by Sue) to the house. Instead of building it themselves, however (they grudgingly admit they are getting a little old for hard labor), they hired a builder to add a four-season porch overlooking their pond and gardens. They also added a computer room for Sue so they can use the kitchen table again. She keeps in touch with **Anne Schaefer Camp**. * In answer to Secretary Seeler-Gifford's thought-provoking questions, **Jim Wright** replied: "Yes... sort of...never will. May volunteer if you tell me what it is I am volunteering for, and I don't reveal my vacation destinations (CIA, you know). I haven't seen many Sig Eps, but I did talk with **Bill French's** wife last summer—does that count?" Jim started his 46th year in the classroom, still turning young minds on to Robert Frost and split infinitives. He thinks he will soon be a good teacher if he keeps at it. He gets back to Vermont to see daughter Leslie '84, who lives in Vergennes, writes for the *Free Press*, teaches skiing at the Snow Bowl, and directs her foundation, SPRINT, to support women in athletics. Elaine is back in school seeking another master's degree, this time in her real love, piano performance. Jim is happy to note her enthusiasm. His son is about to graduate in strength and conditioning. Jim wrote that he used to have a little of both. He is still a Middlebury Alumni rep for the umpteenth year. * **Helen Smith Folweiler** and husband Dave Chipman attended a Folweiler family reunion in Colorado. Held at the WMCA of the Rockies, facilities included a campground, trailer sites, cabins, and every recreational activity, including a zip line. Helen and Dave, her three children, their spouses, and five grandchildren all spent a week in a reunion cabin called "Holdmore!" Dave, who has not had a grandchild under six in many years, survived the hubbub that sometimes bordered on bedlam. Last summer Helen and Dave got in a lot of sailing on their boat

Good Cheer and joined a yacht club weeklong cruise to the North Shore of Boston. * In recognition of her many charitable works, **Susan Yates Johnston** received a 2006 "Citizens Who Care" award from the Rotary Club of Andover, Mass. She serves on the board of directors for the Christ Church Nursery School where she is a diligent fund-raiser; she's a dedicated volunteer at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts; she has served as vice chairman of their senior associates volunteer group; she's on a team at South Church that supports special-needs children in the Sunday school; and she serves on the board of the Low Community Charter Public School in Lowell, Mass. She and husband Hooks are part of the B&B program, opening their home to paying guests, which provides funding for the ABC House in Andover. Nice work! * **Peter and Jean Emrich Battelle** have become involved in the proposed 2006 Wilderness Act now working its way through Congress. It includes the proposed Joseph Battell Wilderness, an area that extends from the Snow Bowl to Brandon Gap. Joseph Battell was a distant cousin of Peter's so they are interested in the outcome. Jean continues to serve on the board of her local Audubon chapter. She also took a course at UVM in Eastern Wilderness and as part of it, she and Peter took a guided hike through the Battell Old Growth Forest in East Middlebury. Having taken a training course in large animal tracking, Jean volunteers for her town of Williston, monitoring areas of town under pressure for development, to see what wildlife might be affected. As a result of the tracking training, Peter and Jean track cougars! * **Luci Frontini Boyle** visited with the Battelles last summer as did Bob '61 and Linda Place Kasvinsky '61 who were building a house in Vermont. * **Linda Sharp Cooper** spent part of last June wondering if the Arizona wildfire would escape and roar up Oak Creek Canyon at them. It was the number one priority fire in the U.S. * Last September, the exhibition "REAL—From Life" took place at the Hammond Museum in North Salem, N.Y., and highlighted the steel sculptures and mixed-media wall reliefs of **J. Pindyck Miller**. * In 2004 **Cathy and Mike Emptage** retired to Colorado, Cathy from the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, a nonprofit that does research for the timber industry, and Mike from GlaxoSmithKline. Their days are kept very busy with music (recorders and harpsichord), photographing the scenery, and hiking (summer) or snowshoeing (rest of year!). They wish they were closer to grandchildren in Pennsylvania, but at least their son and Cathy's family are both on the West Coast. * **Susan Gore** and son Nathan attended a forum in Prague hosted by Vaclav Havel, the Czech writer and dissident. Sue was moved by a performance of Joan Baez singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" in a church the Communists had used as a warehouse. Baez met Havel in the late 1960s during the Prague Spring. While others feared to attend her concert, Havel attended, posing as Baez's guitar-carrier. * Last October **Caroline Vinciguerra Cassels**, **Polly Philbrick Ray**, **Nancy Hill Griswold**, and **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** converged on Boston for a mini-reunion. They took in a show, ate dinners out, caught up on news, and shared lots of laughs. * Thanks to everyone who sent news! There was so much, in fact, that some of it will need to appear in the summer issue. Stay tuned! —Class Secretaries: **Jean Seeler-Gifford** (jeandave@mindspring.com), 1529 Streeple Ct., Trinity, FL 34655; and **Veevy Strelakovsky** (vs@shrnarchitects.com), 47 Fearing Rd., Hingham, MA 02043.

61 Last fall **Joseph Aulisi** was named the acting director of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Formerly he was the development officer, and he planned to continue his role in development. * In a ceremony last fall, **Lynn Keebler Miner** was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the Agnes Irwin School in Rosemont, Pa. While at Agnes Irwin, Lynn played field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse, serving as captain of the field hockey team her senior year. She was awarded the Blue Belt and the White Blazer. —Class Secretary: **Steve Crampton** (scrampton@aol.com), 259 Hines Point, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

62 **REUNION CLASS** Our class received a thank-you from career services for the **Ron Brown** summer internships. Twenty students participated, enjoying memorable real-world experiences as far away as Afghanistan, Tunisia, and Russia. They each wrote a thank-you note to **Jim Shattuck** and our class, describing what they experienced using their scholarships. Three newly funded intern programs have modeled theirs on our Ron Brown program. This is a real tribute to Jim and the Class of 1962! * After 37 years as the director, **Stephen Erskine** recently retired from his position at the Seymour Public Library in Auburn, N.Y. During his tenure, he oversaw two building additions to the original library and the introduction of computer technology. He's still not sure about technology in libraries. The pros include ease of access to books; the cons, diminished hands-on discovery. * **Alice Couperus Gross** writes, "We sold our Victorian house of 31 years and moved to Brooksby Village in Peabody, Mass., one of the many Erickson retirement communities. We have a large apartment and a busy lifestyle with many activities and opportunities. No more shoveling snow or raking leaves! We are happy here." * Although not British, **James Cromwell** plays Prince Philip in the popular movie, *The Queen*. He actually met Philip several years ago, while working on a fund-raiser. He doesn't know the royal well, but feels he understands what makes him tick, a helpful insight for his role. * Don't forget our 45th reunion the weekend of June 1-3! —Class Secretaries: **Liza Dunphy Fischer** (lfisch@msu.edu), 11630 Center Rd., Bath, MI 48808; and **Judy Bosworth Roisset** (jbozroisset@aol.com), 11909 Arch Hill Dr., Austin, TX 78750.

63 **Roger Ralph** traveled from Maryland last November to attend the 60th birthday party of Butch Varno. You may remember Roger was the first person to "Pick Up Butch" when after a football game he noticed a kid in a wheelchair stuck in the snow as his grandmother tried to push him home. A gala event was held on Butch's actual birthday, November 29, in Kenyon Lounge with about 50 people attending, including Butch's family, alumni, volunteers, football and basketball players, and coaches. * **Sara McPherson Myles** writes, "Time to retire and pursue my passion for cross-cultural communications. Have loved our travels and home swaps. Son Chris is sailing in Australia for the winter. Kari has three little girls. Life and love just grow. Mark and I married after 20 years in 2003. It's a grand time!" * In February, **Bruce Bailey** coached his 500th game of an official Lakeside Upper School team in Seattle, Wash., when he coached the eighth grade girls basketball team in a semifinal. Congratulations, Bruce! —Class Secretaries: **Janet Brevoort Allen-Spencer**

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64 Secretary Vecchiolla reports: On February 9, 2007, an article appeared in our local newspaper, *Greenwich Time*, with a picture of the Republican representative of Barre, Vt., **Thomas F. Koch**, holding a cell phone and a coffee cup behind the wheel of his vehicle in Montpelier. He's sponsoring the Vermont bill that would ban eating, drinking, smoking, reading, writing, personal grooming, playing an instrument, "interacting with pets or cargo," talking on a cell phone or using any other personal communications device while driving. The punishment for doing any of the above is a \$600 fine. He stated that "what finally pushed me over the edge was when I was at a stop sign and somebody opposite me was trying to navigate around the corner with a cell phone to her ear in one hand and a cigarette in the other, and she wasn't doing very well." He also stated that his wife recently saw a driver playing the flute, which led him to include the instrument ban in his bill. His bill will not only protect drivers but the other people on the road. ★ Send us your news! We'd love to be able to report what's happening with the Class of 1964!

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65 **Randy Brock** lost one of the closest state races in Vermont history last fall to the son of a former governor. Out of 243,000 votes cast in his bid for reelection as state auditor, Randy originally won by 137 votes. A court-mandated recount showed he'd actually lost by 102. The last time there was such a close race in Vermont was in 1958. Vermont has one of the most liberal recount policies in the U.S. Any race with less than a five percent margin can be challenged. Congratulations Randy on two notable years as auditor! ★ Reelected to the New Hampshire legislature, Rep. **Charles Weed** is sponsoring a bill that would make the use and sale of marijuana legal. He feels that legalizing the substance would give police more resources to tackle violent crime. Along with another representative, Charles is also sponsoring bills to legalize medical marijuana use and allow farmers to grow industrial hemp, which is not a drug.

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66 After a fun time at reunion connecting with classmates, **Don Myers** provided a ride to Connecticut to **Andrea Agrell** who was headed to see her sister. They had a wonderful conversation about life and families, then Andrea asked Don if he would like to use her house in Provence, France, for a week. Don says, "No moss on my brain. I said yes!" He and Sue had a great time at Andrea's house with friends and family. The house is beautiful and they could walk into the 14th-century village to pick up fresh baguettes for breakfast or lunch. Don adds, "Going to reunions is definitely a great idea! I hope to see you at the 45th. Who knows what will happen next time?" ★ **John Valby** continues to bring his musical adult humor to the stage. His limericks, clas-

sical arrangements, and his own original creations have been a staple in the world of comedy for more than 30 years. The shows are for adults only however — his lyrics are decidedly blue! ★ **Marge Ryder** writes, "The Erudite Group of Alumnae Gatherers (EGAGs) celebrated their agile minds and aging bodies at their annual meeting held in San Francisco in July. Armed with WD40, fine wines, and an abundance of giggle-induced endorphins, these six members of the class of '66 and their HeGAGs pored over their vintage New Faces and the '65 Kaleid." Attendees included **Marge, Jineen Summerton**, **Steve and Martha Faulkner Fenno**, **Bryant and Martha Estle Eaton**, **Robin and Edla Holm Brabham**, and **Betty Brennen Danley**. ★ Sad news: **Tony de Sugny** died on November 7, 2006. **Mike Keefe** has many fond memories of Tony, including rooming and skiing together, sharing a number of Green Mountain trips, and even "occasionally studying." Mike told us of an infamous escapade during summer camp at Fort Devens when Tony sneaked off post to gaze at the stars with a lady acquaintance...on a blanket...in a poison ivy patch. The rash and itching in unimaginable places betrayed his audacious act and brought on serious retribution from his squad leader. "Tony, of course, became an ROTC hero for that outrageous display of pluck and initiative. I'm not sure the notoriety was worth the pain, but the story lives on. I saw Tony several times in Snowmass and once in Lake Geneva since we graduated, and he came to a few reunions as well, but I haven't been in touch with him for several years. His son Ben told me at one point that his dad was declining from the long-term effects of his diabetes, which was discovered shortly after our ROTC summer camp. Tony lived in Carmel Valley and had a place in Bend, Ore., and was very active as far as I know. It is a very dark day for me to hear this news." ★ Living in Canada since 1967, **Bob Adamec** is a professor at Memorial Univ. Newfoundland, where he keeps an eye on the American political scene. This time of year he's particularly swamped with "students, teaching, research proposals, paper writing, and trying to stay fit, which at 62 occupies more time than in the past." Amen, Bob! ★ We were delighted to hear from **Judy Rowe Michaels**, who is currently poet in residence at an independent K-12 school in Princeton, N.J., and a poet in the schools for the New Jersey-based Geraldine Dodge Foundation, for whom she also gives poetry seminars to central N.J. teachers. She's currently working on her second poetry collection; her first, *The Forest of Wild Hands*, came out from Univ. Press of Florida in 2001. In addition, she has written two books on reading and writing poetry with high school students. As a member of a seven-women poetry critique and performance group called Cool Women, she has collaborated on three poetry collections and on a CD—*Cool Women Collect Themselves*. On the personal side, Judy writes, "Ovarian cancer has come and gone four times now, but I'm currently—and happily!—in remission. I do fund-raising walks for women's cancers whenever I can." ★ **Kristina Nilson Allen** has retired from Clark Univ., where she was publications and marketing manager for the department of international development. Now doing freelance writing and editing, she is presently working with Clark on a Ford Foundation grant called "Difficult Dialogue." Kristina is also president of the Community Land Trust in Westborough, Mass. ★ **Wayne Halliwell** was on campus in January to give a lecture on sports psychology for the winter term course Coaching Young Athletes. Wayne is a professor and sports psychologist at the

Univ. of Montreal.

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67 **REUNION CLASS** Jan and **Steve Cornwell** won't make it to reunion this year—they'll be busy sailing the North Sea from England to Copenhagen, Denmark, on a friend's brand-new 56-foot sailboat. They're also looking for a boat of their own upon which to spend part of the upcoming years. Cruising plans include the Great Lakes, Maritimes, East Coast, Bahamas, and the Caribbean. Now that both of them have retired, they'll have time for it! They've also sold their home of 20 years in Boulder and moved to Frisco, Colo. ★ **Barbara McEvoy Sepe Bentley** writes, "I've retired from teaching school all these years—French in the 70s, English in the 80s, and Spanish in the 90s. I'm now fully occupied with volunteer projects—conservation efforts, local government, community outreach through church, and a host of other activities. No free time in retirement!" ★ We hope to see you on campus the weekend of June 1-3 for our 40th reunion!

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68 **Larry Bruce** has closed his private law practice in St. Albans, Vt., after 35 years and after being elected to the position of Franklin County probate judge; his four-year term began on February 1. He also is continuing to enjoy making furniture and educational toys in the well-fitted (and gorgeous) woodshop he built a few years ago. He begins his projects by felling his own trees. **Susan Roush Bruce** is serving on the local and state library boards and looking for a good yoga class and her second career. They are both enjoying (finally!) being grandparents. ★ In a recent edition of *PharmaVOICE*, **Charlotte Sibley** was featured as a strong business manager and expert in market research. "She is a role model to others in her profession, demonstrating how important it is that market researchers are functional experts and leaders." Charlotte is the VP of global business research and intelligence at Shire Pharmaceuticals. She says the biggest challenge facing the industry today is balancing the need for affordable medicines with the need to fund a healthy and vibrant R&D capability. ★ **Cindy Kriebel** writes, "My life took on a whole new dimension after a year (1997-98) in China and India with husband Raeburn Heimbeck, a professor of Chinese and Indian philosophy. In China I taught painting and drawing at Anhui Univ., studied Chinese painting, and met many wonderful artists. In both countries we traveled to numerous sacred places, including Lhasa, Tibet. Since retiring in 2001 from teaching at Central Washington Univ., I have been painting full-time. The highlight of last year was being included in 'All in the Painted View' at the Museum of Northwest Art. Currently I'm preparing for a small exhibition in August at Linda Hodges Gallery in Seattle. My work can be seen at www.lindahodgesgallery.com. Several times a year I get back east to see my parents in Hanover, N.H., and delight in my reunions with fellow art history major **Joan Waltermire** and husband John Douglas. ★

John Morton was on campus in January to give a lecture for the winter term course Coaching Young Athletes. He spoke about his road to the Olympics and about his tour of duty in Vietnam. His book, *A Medal of Honor*, was a required read for the class.

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69 Wendy Cole writes from Park City, Utah, that she had a great skiing visit from **Juliane Wallace** and family.

Wendy is still flying, now “based out of Atlanta, flying to Europe and South America—commuting all that way is hard, tiring, and a colossal waste of time, but I am absolutely loving the wonderful layovers in fabulous cities. I am addicted to cappuccinos, Spanish rioja wines, and Belgian chocolates. I’ve done some wonderful touristy type stuff and am really sort of dreading retirement because I will miss it so much.” She loves both that life and her Park City skiing and hiking, as well as visits with her daughter who is studying law at the Univ. of Utah College of Law in Salt Lake City. ★ It was fun to hear **Rob Orchard**, currently director of the American Repertory Theatre, interviewed on NPR’s *Only a Game* on February 10, regarding criteria used in the annual Shakespeare Competition.

★ Please send us news of your activities! We’d love to hear from you and so would your classmates!

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70 Bee Ottinger was on campus in January teaching a winter term class called Visual Language of Editing.

★ **Al Perry** sent this message: “I recently had the good fortune to be named recipient, for the second time, of the Presidential Rank Award for ‘sustained exceptional federal service’ as director (CEO) of the VA Central California Healthcare System. A ceremony involving the president will occur in Washington, D.C. Life’s not all work. **Rob Apple** and I took an epic motorcycle journey down the Big Sur section of California’s scenic coast. Couldn’t get any Midd alums for last summer’s Portillo, Chile, ski trip with my youngest daughter, but am now actively recruiting for the Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb in January 2008. Contact me at al.perry@med.va.gov.” ★ **Barbara Sullivan** reports, “I have gone back to school to learn Spanish and hope to use it here in North Carolina where the Hispanic population is growing rapidly. I continue to write about gardening for our public radio station, and I am a contributor to a regional gardening magazine. I also give lectures and do some garden design work. Daughter Rachel is in Atlanta working for CARE and son Charles is a sophomore at the College of Charleston. We continue to enjoy living in the historic district in Wilmington in the house we bought 25 years ago. Come visit!” ★ In Farmington, Conn., **J. David Morrissey** was reelected as judge of probate. He has served as a probate judge since 1993, helping to modernize the court and making it one of the first fully computerized courts in the state. With a J.D. from Western New England School of Law, he has been a practicing attorney for 25 years. ★ **Gregg Humphrey**, lecturer in education at Midd, participated in the winter term class Coaching Young Athletes, teaching about learning styles. ★ Effective January 1, **Thomas Johnston** began his new position as president of the New

England School of Communications. Formerly, he was the senior partner and chair of the Employment Law Practice Group of Eaton Peabody where he had practiced for 31 years. Thom is a past president of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra Board and the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, and past chair of the boards at both Husson College and NESCom.

—Class Secretaries: **Dr. David Desrochers** (daveandelsa@earthlink.net), 599 Blackbeards View, Bath, NC 27808; and **Kate Mead** (markat@sbcco.org).

71 Bob Cosgrove wrote last fall from Southeast Asia: “On June 30 my partners and I sold our company after 13 years, so I am unemployed or retired or whatever. Kris and I saw this as an opportunity to take a break from the rat race and signed up for Semester at Sea. By the time you read this, we will have completed a trip from Ensenada, Mexico, to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., via Japan, China, Vietnam, India, Egypt, and other ports of call. So far we have survived as the remedial learners on a ship with 600 students aged 18 to 24. Thank goodness for the sanctuary of a private stateroom! Seriously, the program creates a nice mix of education, culture and adventure. We have seen temples at Angkor, Kyoto, and Bagan; toured palaces in Japan and Cambodia; visited local markets in each country; attended local theater events in each country, and played diplomatic guessing games with the guides in the communist and fascist countries.” ★ After attending grad school at UNC at Chapel Hill, **Laura Krebill** thought of teaching high school English, but then drifted into secretarial/support work, moved to Minnesota, married and divorced, morphed into a computer programmer, a user support manager, network designer and administrator, and ended 25 years in data processing as internal technical support and external product support for a small hardware/software company in Boulder, Colo. “When the only investor in the small Boulder company turned out to be a crook, I lost the last—and best—job I’ve had in information technology. I considered retiring, but went back to school to become a certified massage therapist. Huge change? Not really. I still work to solve people’s problems, it’s still hands-on, and best of all, I’m self-employed for the most part. I teach human physiology at the massage school I attended, where Jack Reed (son of **Carl and Susie McGuinness Reed**) was one of my talented students. I have a small private practice, plus a growing business preparing taxes and doing computer support for massage therapists; and I’m in a partnership with another CMT to provide massage services for sporting events, corporate meetings, health fairs, etc.” Laura is building a house in the country, where she welcomes visitors. “I continue to work on the retiring thing. One of these days I’ll perfect it.” ★ **Barbara Laudenslager Mosley** notes that her life has been very different from the one she had envisioned when majoring in English lit at Midd: “I taught at Middlebury Union for a year before moving to D.C., where I began working with seriously disturbed children. Over time, I founded three schools for these kinds of kids. I married and divorced (Mosley was easier to keep than Laudenslager!), taught in the graduate program at GWU, headed the Lower School of Friends Academy in Long Island, and ran the Support Services and Community Service Program at Riverdale Country School in the Bronx. I spent a lot of time in NYC after 9/11 (phenomenally moving work), built houses with Habitat for Humanity in Harlem and Bed Sty, and fostered an amazing ‘homestay’ program in New York with

the Lost Boys of Sudan. Now I am living a much quieter life in a quaint Victorian town on the Jersey Shore. I travel a great distance each day to Belle Mead (**Hector Griswold** and I do the reverse commute), where I am a guidance counselor for severely disturbed adolescents at East Mountain School, part of Carrier Clinic. Seems a lifetime ago when at Middlebury I thought I’d be a writer for a magazine! I stay in touch with **Deb Eaton**, a freelance writer and editor in Maine, working mostly on books for children. You can contact her at deaton1@maine.rr.com. I’m also in touch with **Carolyn Ungberg Olivier**, my cohort in the new class secretary field. She has written two books and currently works for the Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation. I hear from **Dede Stockdell Welch**, who is happily married and working in the world of banking in Denver. We are all still mourning the loss of our beloved friend and sister, **Mimi Stockdell**, whose sudden death in May 2005 reminds us that life is short and friendship essential. I have lots of space that I’d love to share in this charming town by the sea. Come visit and please stay in touch.” ★ **Charlie Rockwell** is still flying, surveying, skiing, and involved in music—two or three bands, depending. He recently became a trustee at Long Trail School, where both the Rockwell daughters were educated. **Madeline Neilson Rockwell** teaches skiing in the winter, does computer consulting in the summer, and is on the board for Merck Forest and Farmland Center, a 3000-acre educational center that promotes sustainable agriculture and forestry near their home. Daughter Katherine works as a carpenter and ski teacher at Killington, while daughter Susan is a junior at Davidson. ★ In December, pianist **Diana Egbers Fanning** and cellist **Dieuwke Davydov** celebrated the 30th anniversary of their first concert together by presenting an encore performance of the same program played in Mead Chapel in 1976. Over the years Diana and Dieuwke have undertaken extensive concert tours throughout Europe—some of which were recorded for Radio Netherlands. Radio audiences throughout the northeastern United States and Canada have enjoyed their performances on “Morning Pro Musica.” This April they are embarking on their fifth European concert tour. ★ **Elsa Parrington Desrochers** writes, “The big news for us is that we are new grandparents. Daughter Danielle and husband Arsheeya are parents of Kamran, born September 30, in Oregon. Dave and I stayed with them until mid-January, helping with the babysitting as Danielle returned to her family practice residency. We then returned to Colorado for two and a half months to ski! This was the fourth winter of extended skiing, and we loved it. We have been spending summers in Hanover, N.H., where Dave works at Dartmouth’s hospital as a fill-in radiologist. We love the chance to catch up with old Midd friends. Last summer we saw **Lynn Francis Zinn**, Chris ’70 and Linda Manning Morris ’72, and Jane Stallard Shubin ’72 and husband Greg, Home in Bath, N.C., is at its best in the spring and the fall, so we try to spend those months there. We still sail and garden, do aerobics, and putter with home projects. I also work with local high school students on SAT prep.” ★ **Jay Glassman** checked in from Culver City, Calif. “Our boys continue to supply their parents with a good education. Jake is 15 and showing signs of humanism. He’s joined something called Youth In Government at his high school, but swears that he won’t follow his old man’s footsteps into public service, which does relieve me. Evan, at 10, is the

family jock. He's on a soccer all-star team and a basketball team that is the preseason favorite in his league. He's still convinced the NBA is in his future, but it appears that he's going to be pretty close to my size—so the NBA is a long shot. I seem to be mostly numbed by the internal politics of my esteemed employer, L.A. County. No doubt I will ride out the wave until it deposits me gently on the shore of retirement in one to three years, depending on how much I am able to stand (which varies from week to week). Everybody's health is excellent. My MS seems to have decided to leave me alone. My MS doc considers me his model patient, and I hope to stay that way."

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72 REUNION CLASS Roger Sakolove writes, "I never thought I'd see the day, but we recently moved into our new home in an 'active adult' community in Boynton Beach, Fla. I continue to work in the pressure-packed, yet rewarding, world of advertising. Daughter Carly recently made her professional acting debut in *The Women* in Boston. She's a junior at the Boston Conservatory. Other daughter Jillian works in marketing for Cushman Wakefield in Stamford. And wife Scotti is about to celebrate 20 years selling for Super Coups. Our home is always open (except for blackout dates) to our Midd friends." * From Glastonbury, Conn., **Denise DeGutis Jernigan** reports she combined her photography and birding interests in two memorable trips in 2006. "I visited the tourist mecca of Nebraska in March to see the sandhill cranes—we arrived the day after two feet of snow did! Nonetheless, it was a splendid trip." In August, she spent three weeks in Uganda, an awesome experience that included 500+ bird species, the chance to spend time with a mountain gorilla family, and memorable observations of lions, zebras, elephants, hippos, giraffes, and other wildlife. "I'm still doing a lot of local birding as well." She also stays in touch with New England folk music. * In December, the Rev. **Margaret Lee Ferry** became the interim pastor at the St. Thomas and Grace Episcopal Church in Brandon, Vt. Previously she had been serving with other priests in a cluster ministry to several congregations in southeastern Massachusetts. * **Debby Soule McIlrevey** and husband Hugh left Connecticut behind for the winter, snowbirding instead on Florida's Siesta Key, a barrier island near Sarasota. Daughter Julia graduates from Elon College in May. * **Mark and Sally Davidson Foster** of St. Paul, Minn., celebrated daughter Sarah's wedding under a cloudless blue sky on a warm October day. Son Ben and his a cappella vocal group performed for the ceremony and reception. The 'rents were happy and proud! Mark and Sally report they've booked their flight to Burlington for our 35th class reunion coming up the first weekend in June; and I (**Jennifer Hamlin Church**) am encouraging all the rest of you to follow suit. If you've attended any of the last few reunions, you know you'll have a grand time. (I laughed more at our 30th reunion than I had in the entire year leading up to the event.) If you haven't attended, this is your chance to make up for lost time. Y'all come.

—Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church* (*jhchurch@sienahighlights.edu*); and *Judy Wingham* (*jwingham@bosleyrealestate.com*).

73 Bill Burke was on campus in January to give a lecture on teaching, coaching, and education for the winter term class, Coaching Young Athletes. Bill continues in his position as the headmaster of St. Sebastian's School in Needham, Mass. —Class Secretary: *Deborah Schneider Greenhut* (*writerDSG@comcast.net*).

74 Russ Anderson is completing his third year of a "second career" in the nonprofit world, as president of the Maine Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It's hard, yet rewarding work, and a lot different from the 25+ years he spent as an executive in the insurance and financial services industry with CIGNA in Hartford, and UNUM Life Insurance Company in Portland, Maine. He lives in Falmouth, Maine, with wife Beth and son Ricky (17). Daughters Kate and Kim live and work in Washington, D.C. Russ and Beth recently celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary. * **Dean Gillett** is still living in Littleton, N.H., and defying global warming as a ski instructor at Cannon Mountain, teaching telemark, alpine, and cross-country, despite various operations on his knees. Daughter Abbi is a senior at UNH and will graduate in May with a degree in accounting. Dean hopes she will gravitate to the Rockies where the powder still happens. * Joan and **John Morosani's** son Daniel graduated from Middlebury in 2005, wearing his U.S. Marines uniform. Although he learned some Arabic at Middlebury, Dan is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and will be there for about a year. Daughter Allegra is a senior Feb at Middlebury, meaning she will finish up next January with a ski run at the Bowl in cap and gown. John raises grass-fed beef at his home in Litchfield, Conn. His Black Angus meat has been rated best by the *New York Times*. He sells the meat locally but hopes to increase his herd enough to be able to sell it to restaurants farther afield. * **Bob Mauro** sent word that he and Julie Scott were married on October 14, 2006. **Alan Levy** attended their wedding at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Highlands Ranch, Colo. Julie came to our 30th reunion with Bob and if you didn't meet her then, Bob promises they will make the trek from Colorado to attend the 35th. Bob has been practicing primary care pediatrics with Greenwood Pediatrics in Littleton, Colo., for the last 10 years following 12 years in Denver's Children's Hospital. Daughter Hadley is 23, and son Philip is 19. * Peter and **Lauren Singer Waite** are three for three. Youngest child Hannah will start at Middlebury in the fall, following in the footsteps of sister Hillary '05 and brother Chris '08. Soon the only one left will be Lauren's horse Phoebe. * **Chuck and Diane Dellamano Brakeley** have both their kids back in New England. Daughter Jes was married in June and works as an art teacher in Maine. Son Dan is in Cambridge, Mass., where he works for a computer games company called Harmonix. Chuck continues to work in insurance when he isn't playing golf; Diane teaches art and runs her own craft business. * Now that his kids are out on their own, **Andy Jackson** decided to take a sabbatical from his Middlebury law practice. Last winter he visited son Rory (24) who owns 20 acres on the Ghanaian coast and 2,000 feet of surfing beach. While there Andy met daughter-in-law Rita Agymang, grandson Judah (1), and his Ghanaian in-laws. Andy enjoyed all of them tremendously and is now setting up a charitable fund, the Trinity Yard Fund, to build a secondary school to provide life skills as well as general education to local teens. Last

summer Andy visited the Normandy beach where his uncle Richard Barclay '40 is buried, visited Paris, and drove south through the wine region of Burgundy where he rented an old house in a medieval village in the hills above Cannes. "I did some French cooking, a bit of painting, and reading." He came back to Vermont "in time for the wonderful election and to assist son Jo, who is building a house in Lincoln with fiancée Bay Danforth." Bay is the daughter of Fred '72 and Judi Danforth. Andy was hoping to spend February in British Columbia and the spring in Alaska. Nepal, India, Australia, and Thailand are also in his sights. Daughter Justine spent her freshman year at Middlebury but withdrew, went to Nicaragua, and is now in New York City.

—Class Secretaries: *Greg Dennis* (*gregorydennis@verizon.net*); and *Barry Schultz King* (*kinglet@together.net*).

75 Rick Jurmain writes, "I retired a couple of years ago. Now I'm busier than ever writing books—one on physics and philosophy, and the other, a slapstick technothriller. Mad scientist for rent. Cheap." * At a time when employers are moving their companies out of Massachusetts due to rising costs and lack of amenities, **Jay Doherty** is working to bring talented professionals back. As president of real estate development firm Cabot Cabot & Forbes, Jay has bought 135 acres of old industrial buildings and parcels of land in Westwood, Mass., and plans to develop the area into Westwood Station, a 4.5 million square-foot community. Westwood Station will include office, lab, and R&D space, retail space, and residential units. The project is currently the largest mixed-use redevelopment project in New England. After receiving an MBA from Harvard Business School, Jay began at CC&F in 1981, becoming president in 1998. Currently he is also president of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. * Working as a reporter for WXIA-TV in Atlanta, Ga., **Denis O'Hayer** wrote a blog last November discussing Vermont's propensity to elect officials at opposite ends of the political spectrum. For U.S. senator, they elected independent Bernie Sanders; for governor, Republican Jim Douglas '72. * **Barbara Hammond Schoenly** is enjoying life in Salisbury, Conn., with two teenagers, sons Conant, a junior, and Emory, a freshman. Both are at Salisbury School. "I feel blessed to have a loving husband and family and good health to enjoy the beauty of God's creation where we live." * Playwright **Eve Ensler** has come out with her first book, *Titled Insecure at Last: Losing It in Our Security Obsessed World*, the book maintains that our world is so obsessed with security and safety, that we're losing our humanity. Eve draws memorable pictures of the women she has met in her travels around the world, everyone from burqa-clad women in Afghanistan to survivors of Katrina, all women who live with insecurity. Eve says, "Life is not safe. Life is change, life is death, life is sickness, life is falling in love. All the great moments in life are insecure." * **Laura Ellis** is living in NYC and has a successful career painting dog portraits. Her art show coincided with the Westminster Dog Show in February. "My show has engendered quite exciting returns so far. My confidence level is skyrocketing! I am to be on NPR as a dog painter and have four new commissions plus a proposal to paint all the outstanding examples of the AKC breeds. Naturally I am cautiously enthusiastic but it's very exciting to be well received."

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76 As a former member of the Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, **Kristina Steinberg** described the positive aspects of her experiences for *Vail Daily* last fall. "The club helped me to learn confidence and joy at being outdoors. It inspired me to pursue admission to Middlebury College which got me a great education and the will, stamina, and cussedness to go through medical school, internship, and residency." Kris practices medicine in Alamosa, Colo. **In Denver, Colo., Jill Cowperthwaite** cohosted a lecture in March given by President Emeritus and Prof. John McCardell Jr. entitled "Abe Lincoln Approaches His Bicentennial." The lecture was an alumni event of the Rocky Mountain Club. —Class Secretaries: *Nancy Clark Herter (ncherter@mxschool.edu); and Gene O'Neill (otis3024@optonline.net).*

77 REUNION CLASS In NYC, **Michael Katz** recently ran a career workshop entitled "The 30-second Spot: Learn the Art of Auditioning for Commercials." Michael continues, through his business Michael Katz Talent Management, to be a personal manager for actors. **Attorney Kathleen Cooper Lake** taught a course at Middlebury in January called Legislating Ethics. **Ron Gauthier** and wife Laurie stay busy with the many activities of sons Andrew (12) and Jonathan (9), especially Boy Scouts. They have also been very involved in Lyme disease awareness activities. Ron is still working at TD Banknorth as a commercial real estate lender. **Joe Gigante** continues to manage his family business, Gigante Deli & Real Estate, which has been around for over 30 years in Wallingford, Conn. "Stop by and say hello!" **Karen Stolley** writes, "I'm still teaching at Emory Univ. and enjoying Atlanta, Ga., with husband David Littlefield '79 and daughters Kathleen (18) and Elizabeth (11). I'm thrilled to have nephew Will Drucker '08 (son of Harry '80 and Beth Stolley Drucker '80) at Midd and niece Emma just accepted as a Feb for next year. My term as an alumni trustee (just about over!) has given me a chance to learn so much about all of Midd's exciting initiatives, including the affiliation with Monterey. Come visit us in Atlanta!" **Betsy Barbour Hopkins** has been traveling internationally while moving ahead with being a language learning consultant and hoping to start a doctoral program in second language acquisition. She's based in Florida and West Africa. **As the granddaughter of Georg Von Trapp of *The Sound of Music* fame, Elizabeth Campbell Peters** has taken her grandfather's story of his exploits as a submarine commander in WWI and translated it into English. She has also written an introduction for the book, *To the Last Salute: Memories of an Austrian U-Boat Commander*. Elizabeth is the director of annual giving and communications at the Cotting School in Lexington, Mass. **Congratulations go to Rep. William Straus** on being reelected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for an eighth term. He and wife **Kerry Shurtle** live in Mattapoisett with their two children. **Don't forget our 30th reunion coming up June 1-3!** —Class Secretary: *Bob Lindberg (rl@linrip.com).*

78 In January, **Kathryn Allwarden Cruz-Urbe** left her post as dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Northern Arizona Univ. to become the provost and VP of academic affairs at California State Univ. at Monterey Bay. She was looking forward to being a provost so as to broaden her

administrative experience to "encompass more areas of a university beyond a college." She also appreciates the university's emphasis on global perspectives, diversity, and multiculturalism. "I'm particularly intrigued by the nontraditional, cross-disciplinary majors, as well as the emphasis on student learning through internships and field study as well as course work." **Maine Bank & Trust** recently announced that **Joyce Rowe Cassidy** had been named senior VP and financial advisor. Joining the bank in 2005, Joyce previously had been a financial advisor in Fleet Bank's Private Clients Group. **Nancy Greenwald** continues to practice rehab medicine in Boise, Idaho. Husband Elliot Week was reelected to the state senate, one of seven Democrats. —Class Secretaries: *David Jaffray (djaffray@mchsi.com); Phyllis Wendell Mackey (phylmackey@hotmail.com), 120 Glade Path, Hampton, NH 03842; and Anne Rowell Noble (annenoblemail@aol.com).*

79 **Charles Frankel** was back on campus during January to teach a course called Mars: Geology, Evolution, and Exploration. Charles is a geologist, science writer, and filmmaker who specializes in volcanism, asteroid impacts, and extinctions. **Geoff Sather** and wife Diane Zeigler welcomed son Declan Patrick Sather into their family on December 11, 2006, where he joined Nell (10) and Jaimen (8). The news page at *dianezeigler.com* features a photo of Declan under the headline, "For Unto Us A Child Is Born," which is also the name of a song on Diane and Geoff's award-winning album, *December in Vermont*. **We regret to report the death of Rick Long** on December 10, 2006. The class sends its sympathy to his family and friends. —Class Secretaries: *Maura Flynn (maura_flynn@msn.com); and Beth Mooney Longcope (longcopes@earthlink.net).*

80 **Don Kreis**, general counsel of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, was chosen as one of 35 members of Leadership New Hampshire's Class of 2007. Don serves on a number of boards including the Hanover Consumer Cooperative Society, Concord Feminist Health Center, Kendal at Hanover, New Hampshire's Newborn Screening Advisory Committee, and the Patient/Family Advisory and Advocacy Council of the cystic fibrosis program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. **As the new president of the Garden State Bar Association, Michael Rambert** is determined to attract young lawyers to the organization and show them how to succeed in the upper reaches of the legal profession. Garden State Bar Association is the state's largest black lawyer's organization and its mentoring and social programs teach young lawyers about important, but often overlooked, aspects of practice. —Class Secretaries: *Anne Cowherd Kallagher (acowherd@cng-inc.com); and Susanne Rohardt Strater (sstrater@ndeotron.ca).*

81 In 2003, **Tony Trase** left the world of the financial analyst to buy Eldred Wheeler, a company that replicates 18th-century American furniture. With about 40 employees, Eldred Wheeler has its manufacturing plant in Hingham, Mass., and showrooms in Hingham, Newton, Mass., and Wilton, Conn. Tony hopes to expand business through Internet-based marketing and opening showrooms outside New England. **As a new partner at Grove Street Partners, Jim Stormont** will lead the firm's hospitality finance and development efforts. Previously he

was at Stormont Waterman Partners, a company he helped found, where he served as a managing partner specializing in hotel development and finance. **In other new business news, Rhodeminn Li** and a longtime friend have bought Noroton Gallery in Darien, Conn. Renaming it A Custom Frame Shop at Noroton Gallery, Rhodeminn is excited to try this new venture after co-owning a medical device company with his father for 15 years. He enjoys every aspect of the job, from the artistic to the technical to the customer service. **Andy Mayer** has returned to Middlebury. Having been named the new executive director of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, Andy moved from Tucson, Ariz., where he ran his own insurance company, to Vermont to begin work on February 1. His previous experiences include working for the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, and eight years as the executive director of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce in Washington State. **It is with great sadness that we report the death of Elizabeth Leigh Vanderklein** (Leigh Klein) on August 3, 2006, from breast cancer. Close friend **Jane Hosie-Bounar** writes, "Leigh and I have spent the years since graduation leading parallel lives, making important life decisions at about the same times—finding the men we would be happy to spend our lives with, having our children only weeks apart, sharing child-rearing woes and pleasures, and trying to earn a living by writing about what we know. Our paths were thrown off-kilter, however, when Leigh began her battle with breast cancer. Although the prognosis was not good after initial treatments, Leigh lived six more years. And boy, did she live. As someone who has tried to keep up with her while biking near her family home in the Adirondacks or jogging on the carriage trails at Acadia, I can attest to that. As she had always done before she got sick, Leigh continued to live her life to the fullest, to be generous with her time and her energy, and to throw herself into what she believed in. Anyone who was touched by Leigh's spirit knows that knowing her was a gift. Leigh found meaning and purpose even in the gravest challenge. As the head of the Upper School at Montclair Kimberley Academy where Leigh taught wrote in a letter to students and staff, 'What strikes all of us most about Leigh was her courage in battling this disease. She became a leader and a spokeswoman for breast cancer research, within the halls of MKA and to the larger community. Through her leadership, the Upper School donated more than \$10,000 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for breast cancer research. She willingly shared her story with her students, her advisees, the faculty, and the MKA community as a whole. Leigh's ability to remain loyal and dedicated to her job and her family should be a lesson to all of us—and her courage was an inspiration to all.' Leigh was married to a wonderful man for over twenty years. She had two sons who meant the world to her, and who anyone can see have inherited her spirit, her love of nature, and her kindness and sensitivity. She was an inspirational teacher, and in fact inspired many of her students to become scientists even when they had not considered science as a career before taking her classes. In short, Leigh was an astounding woman who, in so many ways, made the world a better place." We send our deep condolences to Leigh's husband, Dirk, sons Kim and Ian, and all her family and friends. **Secretary Nickerson** urges classmates to send her or Sue news! —Class Secretaries: *Elaine King Nickerson (eknick@aol.com); and Sue Dutcher Wagley (suewagley@earthlink.net).*

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Shevy Dulfano will be in Middlebury this summer, teaching at the Spanish School. Husband **Ben Bromley** and the kids will play in New England and work at Harvard a bit. ★ **Brett Hulsey** says he is “doing more good, working less, making a living, and having a great time doing it.” (See Newsmakers.) Wife Mary Kay continues to grow her business, This Is Your Life Coaching. Son Tyler is in sixth grade, loves skateboarding, and runs races. In track he prefers the mile, like his dad. Daughter Lea is in second grade, loves art projects, her teachers, and her new kitten. ★ Last fall **Katherine Buckland Merrow** became the first executive director of the New Hampshire Women’s Policy Institute, whose mission it is to generate research and shape public policy as it relates to women in the state. She came to WPI from a senior research position with the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies. She is a 2006 graduate of Leadership New Hampshire. ★ After 20 years in the nonprofit sector, **Judith Mullen** joined Boston Private Bank & Trust Co. in April 2006 and was recently named VP/relationship manager of nonprofit client services. A graduate of the Williams College School of Trust Banking, she worked at The Boston Co. and Mass General Hospital before becoming VP and program manager of State Street Foundation’s \$5 million grant-making program of Greater Boston. ★ The Board of Trustees of Grier School in Tyrone, Pa., announced recently that **Andrew Wilson** has been appointed headmaster beginning July 1, 2007. Andrew has been at Grier for 21 years as Spanish teacher, director for admissions, and assistant headmaster. ★ Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. promoted **Melissa Millan** to senior VP of product management from corporate VP at the disability insurance and long-term care insurance operations. ★ We hope to see everyone back on campus for our 25th reunion! Save the date of June 1–3! —Class Secretaries: *Wendy Behringer Nelson* (gomongo@bellsouth.net); and *Caleb Rick* (crick@northcommon.com).

83 Setting a new class record, **Kip Stone** was the first to cross the Route du Rhum finish line to win the Class 2 monohull division last November. The 3,500-mile solo transatlantic race began in St. Malo, France, and ended off Point à Pitre, Guadeloupe, and took him 17 days, 22 hours, and 36 minutes. Kip faced all kinds of conditions—winds, lack of winds, hot sun, rain. At one point his headsail was shredded; at another, he was smacked in the back of the head by a flying fish! The win adds to his already impressive solo sailing resume. Kip also owns Artforms, a screen-printing company in Westbrook, Maine, and the Cool as a Moose retail stores in Freeport and Portland. ★ State Street Global Advisors recently appointed **Thomas Stolberg** as a senior high yield analyst in its global fixed income group. With over 10 years of investment management experience, he joined State Street from Boldwater Capital Management, L.P., where he served as a senior analyst. —Class Secretaries: *Ruth Kennedy* (kennedyr2@aetna.com); and *Siobhan Leahy Ulrich* (sulrich@westminster-school.org).

84 Dr. **Edward (Skip) Walton** recently had an article he co-authored, “Preventing and Treating Homesickness,” published in the journal *Pediatrics*. Skip is on the faculty at the Univ. of Michigan and

studies health care at summer camps. In 2005, an article he was lead author on, “Health Appraisal Guidelines for Day and Resident Camps,” was also published in *Pediatrics*. ★ With a master’s in education from Harvard’s Graduate School of Education, **Sharon Jones Phinney** is the head of the middle school at Shady Hill School in Cambridge, Mass. Sharon has worked there for the past 15 years. Recently she was profiled in the *Bay State Banner*, discussing the importance of middle school education in the development of young people. ★ On November 22, 2006, **Duff Allen III** was married to Irene Mei Zhi Shum at Fox Island Beach in Canso, Nova Scotia. Duff teaches English at Kingston (N.Y.) High School and, with a master of fine arts from Bard College, has had short stories published in *Prima Materia*. Irene is an independent curator of contemporary art exhibitions. She graduated from Barnard College and has a certificate in architecture from the Fontainebleau Schools in France as well as a master’s in architecture from Yale. ★ Last fall, **Kevin Mahaney** was named as a trustee of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation, the nonprofit fund-raising arm of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Teams.

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85 Thanks to all of you who wrote us! From **Richard Reiner** we heard, “It was great seeing old friends at the reunion. Since then, life has been very eventful. I’ve sold my company to a Fortune 500 corporation, TELUS, where I’m now chief security and technology officer; my wife Ritu Sethi and I have celebrated the arrival of daughter Isabelle Claire, born on October 18, 2006, who we hope will enjoy our next trip to Middlebury as much as brother Jake did our last; and I’ve climbed Mt. Rainier, as part of a fund-raising effort for Big City Mountaineers. The four of us are still living in Toronto, but plans are starting to take shape for a year of travel around the world, without the use of air travel. I hope to see some classmates in far-flung places as we pass through!” ★ **Ernie Trujillo** is back in Pennsylvania teaching chemistry at Wilkes Univ. after the lure of the paycheck took him out to Grinnell College in Des Moines, Iowa, for several years. Ernie says he still makes the occasional batch of Proctor butterscotch brownies! (Thank you, Ernie, for reminding us all of those yummy brownies—now how could we have forgotten?) ★ **Torey Batelle Semi** and husband Don are very happily living in Golden, Colo., having moved last May from Telluride, where she had lived for the previous 19 years! Their move was precipitated by the sale in late 2005 of a company they had successfully built. Torey is now fulfilling a lifelong dream by pursuing her Ph.D. in physics at the Colorado School of Mines. Torey extended special thanks to Middlebury’s professor of physics, Jeff Dunham, who has been a HUGE help during her transition to graduate studies! ★ We were also fortunate to hear from **Dave Revelle**. He, wife Jen, and their three cats live in an old leafy Charlotte, Va., neighborhood. Dave is a carpenter and will soon be rebuilding and renovating their cottage. He is also the U.S. contact for a China-based software company. Dave recently had dinner with **Dale Sailer** while Dale was on a business trip to Charlotte. ★ Wedding bells were ringing for **Chris Powell** on September 17, 2006! He married Tamara Ann Matejek on a lovely late summer afternoon at the Grand Isle Lake House in Grand Isle, Vt. **Dave Tegeler** was best man. Chris’s

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Dick ’55 and **Mary Lou King Wollmar ’55** sponsor and actively participate in a community-supported farm. Last spring 50 members subscribed to have a full line of organic, high-quality vegetables grown for them by a young farming couple living in the Wollmar’s old house. They fully expect the number of subscribers to double this year.

U.S. Representative **Frank Pallone Jr. ’73** and **Tony MacDonald ’75**, director of the Urban Coast Institute at Monmouth Univ., hosted a global warming forum for New Jersey coastal mayors last June. Joined by **Mark Mauriello ’79**, assistant commissioner of the N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection, they discussed the impacts that global warming and sea level rise could have on coastal communities and how to prepare for impacts. A Princeton Univ. report found that 3 percent of New Jersey could be under water and another 9 percent subject to constant flooding by the end of the century due to global warming.

The business founded by **Brett Hulsey ’82**, Better Environmental Solutions, is going strong with work on energy, biofuel, and smart growth issues. *Ethanol Today* magazine highlighted Brett’s report, “Clearing the Air with Ethanol,” and he appeared on national news talking about working with farmers to reduce greenhouse air pollution.

Jodi Hilty ’93, assistant director of the North America Program for the Wildlife Conservation Association, has coauthored a book entitled *Corridor Ecology* that stresses the importance of planning for wildlife when planning development. Jodi is an expert in the science of creating corridors for wildlife so they can migrate freely between smaller chunks of protected lands. Species are declining as more development spreads towards protected areas and Jodi and her colleagues are looking for solutions for safe corridors of migration, whether they be overpasses or underpasses of major highways, or a system of wetlands that give migratory birds a path.

Thomas Hand ’05 recently joined the staff of NativeEnergy in Charlotte, Vt., a nonprofit that works with Native American and Alaska Native villages, as well as individual clients, to create projects that will have sustainable economic benefits for those populations. NativeEnergy is also the company that sold carbon offsets to the College to make the Snow Bowl the first carbon neutral ski area in the country.

daughters, Kathryn and Robin, were also attendants. Other Midd alumni in attendance were **Nancy Metcalfe Tegeler**, and Mark '84 and **Sarah Van Tuyl Ray**. Congratulations, Chris! ✨ In other wedding news, **Tamara Wood** married Mustapha Sadik in Casablanca, Morocco, on June 30, 2006. Her husband graduated with a degree in business economics from Hassan II Univ. in Mohammedia and planned to join her in the U.S. in early 2007. Tamara has been working for a small American company (airplane spares) as a European sales rep since 1992 and doing freelance work translating German since 1990. Son Miles will graduate from Dover High School next June. ✨ **Lisa Arias** wrote to us from Spain where she has been happily living since graduation. Her children, Emma (13), Manuel (9), and Nicolas (3), keep her busy, especially Nicolas! Lisa teaches English to adults, a job she loves. In October 2006, she returned to New York for her 25th reunion at Stuyvesant High School and while there, enjoyed catching up with **Eileen Minnefor** and **Elizabeth Hawkey** over a laughter-filled lunch. ✨ **Jodi Silverman** (jodi_silverman@hotmail.com) is still happily living and working in the Boston area with her husband. ✨ **Jack Klinck** was recently named executive VP at State Street Bank in Boston. Jack comes to State Street from the Mellon Financial Corp. in Pittsburgh where he was vice chairman. Jack, wife Ruthie Ann (Hill) '84, and children Jessie (11), Philip (9), and Mason (5) have relocated to Wellesley Hills, Mass. ✨ With 21 years of experience in the ski industry, **Patricia Campbell** was named the chief operating officer at Keystone Resort, part of Vail Resorts. For the past six years, Pat has been the director of skier services for Breckenridge Ski Resort. Prior to that, she served as the resort's director of ski and snowboard school. She has also worked at Grand Targhee Ski Resort in Alta, Wyo., and Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. ✨ **Rob Bredahl** was recently appointed to the board of directors of Benfield as executive director. Currently he is the president of Benfield, Inc., and the global head of Benfield Advisory. As a graduate of the Executive Risk Management Program at the Wharton School of UPenn, Rob previously worked at Barclays Bank and Inreco PLC. ✨ **Barbara MacLeod's** latest documentary, *Cindy Pierce: The Last Laugh*, debuted February 13 on NECN. The half-hour documentary chronicles the journey of a New Hampshire innkeeper and mother of three as she embarks on a career in comedy. Barbara has received widespread acclaim for previous documentaries, including an Edward R. Murrow award for *Where Love Lies*. She and husband **Scott Joslin** live in southern Maine with their three sons. ✨ Thanks again to all of you who shared your stories with us. We, and all of our classmates, love to hear from you guys! Keep those stories coming!

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86 The U.S. Private Client Services division of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management announced last fall that **Gary Domoracki** had joined the firm as a managing director and regional executive for PCS in Boston. With an MBA from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from BU School of Law, Gary originally practiced law for many years before beginning his financial services career, working at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, then Credit Suisse First Boston. ✨ Recognized as a premier educator, **Jim Ferrari**

was given the 2006 Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award at Wesleyan University's convocation last fall. Having served 10 years on the Wesleyan faculty, Jim has demonstrated excellence in teaching and commitment to an outstanding learning community. Congratulations, Jim!

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Barbara Marvin Nozaki writes, "My family and I moved to Rhode Island a year ago. Husband Roger works at Brown Univ. and I'm home with our children, Samuel (9), Jacob (7), and Margaret (5). I'm still running, playing field hockey, and doing lots of outdoor stuff. Life is good!" ✨ **Ken Willis** and wife Amy welcomed Daniel Lawrence Willis on March 13, 2005. Big sister Juliana (6) is very proud of her baby brother. ✨ Having choreographed the Cirque du Soleil show, *Ka*, running at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, **Jacques Heim** often has to explain that his dance company, Diavolo, isn't a circus act. The performers in his L.A.-based troupe continue to scramble all over strange architectural structures, however, and architecture is the starting point for all Diavolo's new works. *Ka* uses some of Diavolo's structural ideas in its theatrical storyline. ✨ **John Ward** has joined Key Venture Partners as managing director and will help originate new deals and manage new investments. Bringing 17 years of investment and operating experience, John came from M/C Venture Partners where he was a general partner. ✨ **Jake Brown** has taken over as the communications director/legislative liaison at the Vermont Natural Resources Council. With his solid journalism and statehouse experience, Jake manages the production of the "Vermont Environmental Report," the VNRC Bulletin, and other publications, as well as being the main point of contact for media inquiries and lobbying in Montpelier. Jake replaced Patrick Berry '91. ✨ **Michael Kaufman** (aka the buzzer) writes, "I recently achieved my dream of flying on the space shuttle as a mission specialist. One thing is for sure, the Earth is not flat! We had some great views of Earth, and I swear I could see the rolling hills of the Bread Loaf campus during spacewalk. The food in space made me long for the haggis plate served up at the Crest room. I must admit that it was nice to finally travel somewhere exotic without running into other Midd alums." ✨ **Lisa Brown-Olson** was recently profiled in the *Grand Island* (Neb.) *Independent* as an enthusiastic teacher who makes learning fun, when she teaches Spanish at Heartland Lutheran High School. She also participates in the Prime Time Family Reading Time Event where she reads aloud children's books in Spanish and leads discussions about the books with the children and their families. ✨ Congratulations to **Kevin Levitas** on winning a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives! His first priority in his first term is improving education. Other important concerns are crime, the environment, air quality, mixed-use issues, and transportation. ✨ As head of St. Anne's Episcopal School in Denver, **Alan Smiley** cohosted a lecture given by President Emeritus and Prof. John McCardell Jr. entitled "Abe Lincoln Approaches His Bicentennial." ✨ **Tom Funk** reminds everyone to mark June 1-3 on the calendar for our big 20th reunion. It promises to be the most monumental event since the Reagan administration, the invention of Prozac, the debut of Guns N' Roses, and other 1987 landmarks. Please make every effort to come back to Middlebury, and know that the College plans a great slate of events

and social gatherings, plus childcare and activities for the kids. See you there!

—Class Secretaries: **Elizabeth Ryan O'Brien** (obrien@bigwhoop.com); and **Tom Funk** (tfunk@timberlineinteractive.com).

88 Deirdre Heekin '89 and **Caleb Barber's** restaurant, osteria pane e salute, took part in two exciting events in NYC in March. On March 5 they presented a six-course wine-tasting dinner at the James Beard House. They were then invited by Great Performances to guest chef at Café Opaline at the Daheh Museum. The restaurant featured a three-course menu taken from the menu presented at the James Beard House. ✨ Please send us your news! Your classmates want to know what you're up to! —Class Secretaries: **John Brainerd** (jbrinfbx@gmail.com); and **Claire Guatkin Jones** (guatko@yahoo.com), 334 N. Oakland St., Arlington, VA 22203.

89 **Cheryl Dufault Patterson** writes, "I can't believe how much time has already gone by since my wedding! Tom and I were married September 18, 2004, in Millville, N.J., and had a lovely reception at the Savoy Inn in Vineland. And I'm overjoyed to announce the birth of son Luke on January 27, 2006. Hard to believe he's over a year old now! **Denise Paige Lietz** is his godmother and last May, she made the long drive from Maine for his christening, bringing along daughters Anna and Amy. Son Andrew had other plans with his dad. Denise and the kids made the drive again to visit over Labor Day weekend and **Nicole Paul** joined us for a day outing to the zoo. Since Nicole lives in Philadelphia now, her commute to our house is much shorter (although being in veterinarian school definitely limits her time!). Time marches on. Updates on main events will follow!" ✨ The board of trustees at Princeton (N.J.) Junior School recently appointed **Nat Howe** as a new trustee. Nat at one time worked for the school as its development professional. In 1999, he joined the annual giving office at Princeton Univ. and is now a senior fund-raiser. Nat and wife Mimi live in Princeton with their three children. —Class Secretaries: **Keith Pennell** (kpennell@dfuicapital.com); and **Jeff Somers** (jeffs@zillou.com).

90 Let's hear it for some very interesting classmates of ours. Who knew? ✨ After 15 years with the Foreign Service in places as diverse as Moscow, the Dominican Republic, Warsaw, and D.C., **Victoria Northrop de Beltran** and husband Cesar have just retired from the State Department to Budapest, Hungary. "We love Central Europe so much that we're living in Buda for the time being, although we're still splitting our year between Connecticut, Vermont, and Hungary. We've been getting deep into the equestrian scene here, with both of us playing tournament polo for the Kali Polo Club and the Magyar Polo Club, and riding in the Hubertusz mock-hunts. While learning Serbian/Croatian we've been summering on the Croatian coast in places like Krk Island, Split, Dubrovnik, and also in the newly reminted nation of Montenegro. In retirement, neither of us is sitting still: I'm telecommuting with a Warsaw law firm and spending a lot of time in my studio painting. I had two group shows last year in Budapest and will be doing a solo show of portraits this spring. I've also been doing a lot of volunteer fund-raising work to benefit Hungarian pediatric hospitals and old folks' homes. Cesar is

lecturing for the local branch of a U.S. liberal arts college and advising the International Center for Democratic Transition. A project assisting a U.S. wind power company's expansion into Central Europe is in the works. All in all, retirement is busier than working!" * Last year **Jill Danieli** completed her first marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and in March she planned to run the inaugural ING Georgia Marathon in Atlanta, where she resides. Jill is running with Team-in-Training and is raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to fight blood cancers. See her Web page to check her progress or provide support at <http://www.active.com/donate/tntga/tntgaJDanieli>. * **Randall Barry** writes, "Wife Sara (Bremner) '91 and I have been living in Minneapolis since 2000 and now have son Peter (5) and daughter Catherine (3). I've been selling residential real estate for about six years. I helped establish the Middlebury Twin Cities Alumni Chapter and served as president for two years. I also served on the Middlebury College Alumni Association Board. We have a fun local chapter and I would encourage anyone moving to the Twin Cities to look me up (rdbarry@cbburnet.com)."

* **Amy Leith** and husband Chris Robinson (Berkeley '92) welcomed first child Nikolas Leith Robinson on June 15, 2006. Amy recently started a new job as VP of marketing at Merrill Lynch in NYC, where one of her colleagues is **Damon Webber**. "We haven't seen each other since senior year. During my first week at Merrill Lynch, we heard each other's names being mentioned and thought, no, it couldn't be. Suddenly there was Damon standing in my office!" * **Michael Bowe** has been living abroad for nearly ten years now: first in Germany from 1997–2003, then Malaysia from 2003–2006, and now Doha, Qatar, since August 2006. Mike has a German wife, Ellie, and kids Kira (6) and Julian Jake (4). He teaches English in grades six, seven, eight, and twelve at Qatar Academy, which is only 15 minutes away from home. The school is "huge and well-funded, with excellent, dedicated and hardworking staff, and many clubs and activities every afternoon. The job is wonderful in many ways, with great colleagues, a lot of sharing of ideas and handouts among staff, great communication, very high standards, and LOTS of work. I love being forced to be the best teacher I can be. I'm getting used to middle school (it's tiring!). This was a good career move." Mike plays indoor soccer once a week and has to jog indoors, due to the extreme heat. They've visited five of the supersize malls and have even gone ice-skating in one of them. Plus, there are camels. * Congratulations to **Jennifer Harris Kelley** who was married in June of 2005 in St. Simon's Island, Ga., to a wonderful Southern gentleman who is a Virginia Tech grad. They are living in Richmond, Va., and welcomed daughter Lorelei in August. Jennifer is working as the import/export compliance manager for Philip Morris USA. Anyone heading south or in Richmond is encouraged to get in touch! * Great news from Joe and **Karla Rice Barnhill** from the Kansas City area—second son Owen Miles was born on November 27, 2005. * For the past few years, **Greg Allen** and his wife have been running their own IT consulting company, focusing on the IT needs for small- to medium-sized businesses, especially small oil and gas companies. Their work will take them to Hungary and perhaps Australia this year to set up offices. Greg's kids are growing fast—they are now in second and fourth grades and keeping everyone busy with soccer. * From Burlingame, Calif., we hear that **Jason Chroman** and wife Liz have

children Zachary (7) and Cole (4). Jason has been at Yahoo for the last three-and-a-half years in financial planning/operations/reporting. Up until recently he worked closely with **Mark Maxwell** who has since left to join Symantec. Jason reports that Mark is now the proud daddy of twins. * Working as a freelance writer allows **Kim Gifford** to cover every topic imaginable, including the kitchen sink, literally. Kim is also a teacher of Memoir Writing at Lebanon College in Lebanon, N.H. Living in Bethel, Vt., with her two pugs, Buffy and Vader, Kim sees **Sheila Trask**, another Bethel resident, on a regular basis and **Clare Hayden** periodically when she comes up from D.C. Kim is active with the local nonprofit, Lukana's Dream, which supports the education of women and children in countries such as Zimbabwe and Peru. * More baby news comes from **Mimi Gottesfeld Fine**: Benjamin Edward joined their family on May 1, 2006. He is a very happy, not-so-little guy who loves big sister Jamie (4). * **Jessica Nissen** was at Midd over January to teach the course, Big Noise, in which students were introduced to the rudiments of sound, sculpture, electronics, and performance. Jessica is an artist who lives and works in NYC. * As well as being senior VP and chief financial officer of PDL BioPharma, Inc., **Andrew Guggenheimer** was named as principal accounting officer of the company last fall. —Class Secretaries: *Dawn Cagley Drew* (dmd_plhr@hotmail.com); and *Elizabeth Toder* (eatoder@hotmail.com), 242 Baltic St., Apt. 11, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

91 Recovery in New Orleans has been slow, but **Drew Lang** is working on a project that can make a difference. Named the Faubourg St. Roch project, a nine-block segment has been identified for revitalization, including the historic St. Roch Market, the St. Roch Avenue neutral ground, historic housing, commercial buildings, the St. Roch Cemetery, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and school, and a neighborhood park. Once completed, this project could become a model for rebuilding other parts of New Orleans. Another Midd grad involved is Allison Lewis Stouse '89. (See Pursuits.) —Class Secretaries: *Bill Driscoll* (william.driscoll@rhi.com); and *Kate J. Kelley* (k_kelley@comcast.net).

92 REUNION CLASS Congratulations to classmates with new babies! **Sara Lewis Rall** and husband Chuck had fourth child Katie in October 2006. She joins Carl (10), Molly (7), and Becca (3). After 14 years, they are still living in Warren, N.J., and plan to be at reunion in June. * Kathy and **Brian Willing** welcomed Eleanor Haviland Willing (Nell) on October 29. Nell joins big sis Ginny (2). * **Jen McPhee** and husband Matt celebrated the birth of son James Daniel Patrick McGovern on August 5. They live in Belmont, Mass. * On January 24, Steve and **Kelly Watson Holley** welcomed Nathaniel Owen Holley. The Holleys live in Denver where both Kelly and Steve work at Kent Denver School—Kelly is the director of Upper School admissions and Steve is the co-chair of the fine arts department and leader of the school's jazz/rhythm and blues/combo bands. * "Deliver Me," from the musical *Love According to Luc* by **Alicia Mathewson**, premiered at Carnegie Hall on December 11 performed by the NYC Youth Pride Chorus and the NYC Gay Men's Chorus. Alicia also performed an original piece called "Singing Vaginas" on February 14 in NYC. * Jeannie and **Viraj Mirani** and kids Ethan (6) and Alison (4) visited NYC from D.C. just before the holidays. The

family got to tag along with Viraj on his business trip and they enjoyed visiting the tree at Rockefeller Center, the CNN studio, and seeing *The Lion King*. Luckily, they had time to come uptown to the Children's Museum to hang out with **Sara Weale** and son Charlie for an afternoon. * Out in the San Francisco Bay Area, **Erica Moody** is a physical therapist and clinical director at Presidio Sport & Medicine. * Also in San Francisco, John '93 and **Blakely Anderson Atherton** are very busy with their daughters aged 6, 4, and 2. Blakely works part-time as a marketing consultant. They've been able to spend some time with Lila and **Pete Steinle**, who recently moved back to the Bay Area from Connecticut, and **Warren** and **Caroline Leary Dowd** who have three daughters and one son. * **Becky Fair** and husband Marty Zug live in McLean, Va., with children Madeline (9), Calvin (6), and Emilia (4). Becky owns and operates her own strategic consulting business and Marty is a CFO with a biotech start-up. * We regret to report the death of **Matt Cevallos** in December. Our condolences go to his family and friends. * Don't forget to put the date of June 1–3 on your calendar. See you on campus for reunion! —Class Secretaries: *Fred Lawrence* (flawrence@ipaa.org); and *Sara Weale* (sweale@mindspring.com).

93 Sarah Stewart Taylor's newest mystery in the Sweeney St. George series, *Still as Death*, was named one of the *Vermont Guardian's* "Best Books of 2006." * **Cole Odell** was at Midd to teach a winter term class called Introduction to the Graphic Novel. * In the west of France, **Trent Bonsall** has been working at a cultural events center for the last five years and hanging out near Cognac and Bordeaux. "I know—it's a difficult place to be, but somehow I manage." He plans to move to Quebec in the near future with partner Sebastian. "Will be looking up any alumni living in Montreal!" * In February, an anthology came out entitled *Don't You Forget About Me: Contemporary Writers on the Films of John Hughes*. Included was an essay by **Lewis Robinson** called "The Ghost of Ally Sheedy." Everyone remember *The Breakfast Club*? * **Steve Prescott** writes, "My woodworking business, Fiddlehead Designs, was profiled in the December 2006 issue of the national trade magazine, *CabinetMaker*. The article focused on my recent work developing environmentally sustainable custom cabinetry. And I'm particularly pleased to announce that **Dexter Mahaffey** has moved to Buxton, Maine, with his family for his new position teaching English at Portland's Waynflete School. Much cavorting has ensued." * Exciting new things have been happening for **Carl Forsman** and the theater production company which he founded, Keen Company. In the fall, Carl was selected as the new artistic director of the Dorset (Vt.) Theatre Festival. He will begin his duties with the 2007 summer season, opening with *Theophilus North*, by Matthew Burnett, based on the novel by Thornton Wilder. In addition, it was announced in January that Partnership in Philanthropy had selected Keen Company as one of its first consultancy clients for 2007. PIP will give Keen Company direction and guidance in expanding its fund-raising efforts as it works toward increasing its ability to produce and stage meaningful plays of hope for schoolchildren. Keen Company, which has produced 15 full-length plays in its six seasons, has already been honored with five Drama Desk Nominations and an Obie Award. It began its seventh season in September with the New York premiere of *Theophilus North*. * **Marc**

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(Plug) **Pina** is still living in the D.C. area with wife Lynn and daughter Lily. Selling real estate has been a true joy and Lynn loves her new job in marketing at XM Satellite Radio. * Living in San Francisco with husband Dave Eggers and their daughter, **Vendela Vida** has just published her second novel, *Let The Northern Lights Erase Your Name*. (See Book Marks.) The storyline follows a young woman as she searches for family in Scandinavia and Vendela made the trip to Lapland, where the book is set, three times. Adventures there included adjusting to no sunlight during the winter and drinking reindeer blood and eating reindeer meat!

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Megan Martin Maguire and husband Derek are proud to announce the arrival of their fourth child,

Terrence George (aka Teige), on May 28, 2006. He joins big sisters Quinn (6) and Ryan (2), and big brother Declan (5). * With a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Ohio Univ., **Aaron Reid** is chief behavioral scientist for RKM Research and Communications, Inc. He previously served as director of research at Quality Strategies in Washington, D.C. Last fall he reported on a new research report about consumer advocacy and its link to an institution's health. In other words, word-of-mouth advertising works! Aaron's experience in conducting primary research on the drivers of consumer decision-making began in 1996.

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Janine and Foster Goodrich Hetherington have relocated to

Bennington, Vt. Foster is now a business development director for Gilbane Co.—traveling a lot and thoroughly enjoying his work. Janine raises funds for the Peter M. Goodrich Memorial Foundation, started by Foster's parents, Sally and Don, in memory of Foster's brother Peter who was killed on the second plane that hit the towers on 9/11. The foundation has already built a school for 550 girls in Afghanistan, drilled wells, and supported agricultural projects there, and is now supporting

four Afghan children in the U.S. "We were fortunate to adopt a 16-year-old girl from Afghanistan last fall. Soraya joins James (4) and Eamon (2). The full house means that we're going to have to put on an addition soon! Everyone is happy, healthy, learning Pashto and Dari, and enjoying the new tastes of Afghan food. We love southern Vermont but definitely miss living in the Middlebury area. We'd love to hear from friends at janifost@verizon.net." * **Perky Mackey Hubner** is still living in

McCall, Idaho, with husband Graham and daughters Makkela (3) and Talis (7 mos.). Perky staged a Harris House reunion in Burlington with Midd girlfriends **Vicky Grand**, **Sarah Tuff Dunn**, **Danielle Johnson Taylor**, **Roberta Torrens**, **Erin Sullivan Beach**, and **Kirtley Horton Cameron**. * **Damien Saccani** is happy to report his marriage to **Caroline Bodkin** '01 in Jackson, Wyo., last June. The wedding included a string of classmates: **Matt Somers**, **Sarah Outman Brophy**, **Justin Burley**, **Dan Richards**, and **Winfield Campbell** '96. * September marked the fourth wedding anniversary of **Eric Odell** and **Meegan Flenniken**. Shortly after getting married, they bought a house built in 1928 in Fort Collins, Colo., and have been spending the last several years refinishing the basement, patching plaster walls, and dealing with old plumbing. "Pretty soon the house will be good-as-new!" Eric and Meegan have been active travelers, visiting Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Greece, Turkey, and Thailand! Eric works with the Colorado Division of Wildlife focusing on nongame grassland species conservation issues.

He enjoys keeping in touch with Erik '96 and **Caroline Bonny Sparling**, **Dave Zappulla**, **Jon McDonagh**, **Tricia Elliott**, **Greg Hanscom** and **Tara Thomas** '94, **Jesse Cunningham** '94, and **Riikka Pakkala Rakic**. * **Riikka** is still living near Bern, Switzerland, with her husband and two children. **Riikka** is the communications manager for FIS (Fédération Internationale de Ski). The ski season was a busy one for her with four major World Ski Championships in Europe and Asia. * **Andrea Zlotucha Kozub** is working as an archaeologist in Binghamton, N.Y. She and husband Chris have daughter Rose (2) and have nearly finished building a timber-frame house that Chris designed. * In November 2005, **Rick '93** and **Brooke McDonald Merriam** moved from Colorado to Rhode Island, where Rick is the assistant athletic director of marketing at Brown Univ. "After 10 years in Colorado, we were sad to leave, but excited to get back to the East Coast and to be closer to family and friends." Last July 24 they welcomed daughter Cate, four days after brother Sam's second birthday. Brooke has been able to see a lot of **Kristen Lovely Carr**. * **Sarah Tuff Dunn** writes, "I gave birth to daughter **Dillon Chase Dunn** on November 30. She is doing great! Husband Carlton and I continue to live in Burlington, Vt., from where I freelance under the name Sarah Tuff; my new book, *101 Best Outdoor Towns*, is out this spring." * **James Richards** is living in Orange Park, Fla., with wife Nikki and four children. After graduating from law school in 2005 and passing the Florida Bar last summer, he works for Fidelity National in Jacksonville managing the litigation team in the special assets dept. * **Oliver** and **Sara Morgan Truog** were thrilled to welcome daughter **Nina Frances** to their family last July 18. She joined big brother **Daniel** (4). * In 1998 **Matt Somers** moved to Jackson Hole, Wyo., to ski and build for a year. Nine years later, he is still skiing and building houses. He and wife Heidi are enjoying parenthood with **Hanne** (20 mos.). They

still enjoy getting out on their skis every weekend during the winter, while filling the off-season with mountain biking, hiking, and camping. Matt's now a partner in Teton Heritage Builders and would welcome contact from anyone traveling or living in the area at msomers@tetonheritage.com. * Eric and **Wendy Russell Tracy** live in Falmouth, Maine, just minutes from Portland. Wendy is a licensed counselor and stay-at-home mom with daughter **Caroline** (2). "Several Middlebury friends are nearby, including **Betsey Traver Linge**, my first-year roommate at Middlebury. Our daughters are now play-group buddies." * **Sonya Schwartz** and husband **Don Fishman** welcomed son **Samuel Joseph Fishman** two weeks early on May 14, 2006—a wonderful Mother's Day surprise! Sonya now does policy work on health coverage issues at a think tank called the National Academy for State Health Policy. Don is the director of legal affairs and hockey administration for the Washington Capitals, so hockey fans should get in touch if they are in D.C.! * **Liz Page Calvert** and husband **Dmitri** are building a house in Valdez, N.M., just north of Taos. She's enjoying the life of a stay-at-home mom, taking care of **Cedar Addison** (6 mos.) and cooking casseroles. "We visited **John Ludwig** and his partner of five years, **Sean Reed**, over Thanksgiving weekend at their newly renovated '50s brick ranch in Denver. John continues to do well as a real estate broker and still sings with **Kantorei**, the professional choir he helped found after returning to Denver. **Kantorei** will be singing in Europe in 2007." * **Alex Richman Labovitz** continues to enjoy her pediatric practice in southeastern Wisconsin. She now spends the majority of her free time chasing around son **Benjamin** (1.5) and reading *Curious George*. * Working part-time as an attorney at a law firm in Boston, **Meghan Tufts** lives in Cohasset, Mass., with husband **Dave** and daughter **Emma** (21 mos.). * **Anton Janik** and wife **Anna** '99 had second son **Lance** in July 2006, and he has proven to be as happy as first son **Kaz**. **Justice** is a trial attorney in the Department of Justice's tax division, practicing throughout the 9th and 10th Circuits (Colorado to Hawaii, Arizona to Alaska). In October, he was awarded a second attorney general's Outstanding Attorney Award. "Anna and I are contemplating a move to a slower life in Little Rock in 2007, and hope to continue expanding our family once there." * **Alex '94** and **Heather Sheldon Sherman** were thrilled to welcome daughter **Amaia Clare Sherman** on Thanksgiving Day 2005. Her pediatrician is **Robert Mauro** '74. They currently live in Littleton, Colo., where Alex is a software engineer. Heather is working part-time from home, as well as taking care of **Amaia** full-time.

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As part of the Abernethy Series,

Sarah Kramer gave a lecture at Midd in December about StoryCorps, the national oral history project and NPR series. Sarah is the senior producer at StoryCorps and has a background in radio and journalism. Past projects include mentoring at WNYC's Youth Radio Series and working as researcher, associate producer, and field producer on documentary films for PBS and HBO. She has also made her own film, *Bunk 22*, and worked on videos for the Children's Aid Society and the NYC Board of Education. * It was a busy summer and fall in 2006 for **Brad Corrigan**. He spent a good portion of the summer in Nicaragua, working with orphan-

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

Since retiring from California State Univ., Sacramento, **Kathryn Jerrell Hohlwein** (M.A. '53) has continued to share her love of Greek poet Homer with other Homer enthusiasts. She's taught Homer classes, organized Homer readings, and has major events scheduled in Egypt and Greece. She has even formed a nonprofit to oversee the readings and raise money for causes. Followers credit her passion and knowledge of the subject as the key to her successful Homer events. ★ **Bernier Mayo** (M.A. '68) recently published a book entitled *In My Opinion: Musings of a Vermont Conservative*. Published by Vermont Heritage Press, the book compiles his opinion articles that ran in the *Caledonian-Record*. Retired as headmaster at St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Academy, he recently returned to administration as the head of Sacred Heart School in Newport, Vt. ★ Poet **Wesley McNair** (M.A. '68, M.Litt. '75) is one of the first artists nationwide to win a fellowship from United States Artists, a new organization dedicated to providing direct support for living artists as an investment in the nation's creativity. He will receive a grant of \$50,000 to support his creative work. ★ **Susan T. Moss** (M.A. '76) completed her poetry chapbook, *Keep Moving 'til The Music Stops*, published by Lily Pool Press of Northfield, Mass. She's now working on a full-length book of poetry and spends her time in Evanston, Ill., and Vermont. ★ **Ralph Sneed** (M.A. '92) writes, "My book of poetry is out in April. The publisher, Harmon Blunt Publishers, was founded in NYC by Midd alum Nathaniel Bellows '95." ★ Private school administrator **Charles Britton** (M.A. '93) has been named the head of school at McDonough School in Owings Mills, Md. Currently he serves as the headmaster at Casady School in Oklahoma City. ★ In Denver, **Nicholas Lefferts** (M.A. '93) and **Annie Hansen** (M.A. '95) live with son August (20 mos.) and dog Henry. They are both teaching English at the Kent Denver School. ★ **C. Edward (Ned) Smith** (M.A. '96) has been named the next head of school at Episcopal High School in Houston, Texas. Previously he was at St. Paul Academy in Minnesota and Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles.

French

Nancy Wilkins Klein (M.A. '59) and husband John thoroughly enjoyed a trip last fall to the Finger Lakes. Traveling by Amtrak car train, they left Florida at 4 P.M. and arrived in Virginia

the next morning at 8 A.M. ★ After a career as a high school French teacher and tennis coach, **Jane Keeney Roberts** (M.A. '63) has become a goodwill ambassador for the U.S. Upset that funding for the United Nations Population Fund was decreased, Jane has set up her own organization, 34 Million Friends, and has been helping young mothers with medical assistance and education in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. She helped to wage an e-mail campaign to raise money, saying that if 34 million people gave \$1 each, there would be enough money to prevent over 500,000 deaths in childbirth that happen annually. Jane has a book out called *34 Million Friends of the Women of the World*. ★ An expert on legal ethics, Dr. **Erica Eisinger** (M.A. '66) is the director of clinical education and an associate professor at Wayne State Univ. Law School. ★ **Yvette Small Hohler** (M.A. '68) is busy in retirement with Rotary, social and political organizations, membership on the Board of Trustees of Western College Alumnae Association, and with fundraising work for nonprofit Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya. ★ After 35 years, **Joan Brim** (M.A. '69) retired from her position as French teacher at Bay Trail Middle School in the Penfield (N.Y.) Central School system. ★ **Jim Vines** ('80) joined the international law firm of King & Spalding in its tort and environmental litigation group. ★ With more than 20 years of marketing and business development experience, **Paul Banas** (M.A. '81) founded the San Francisco-based company GreatDad.com (www.greatdad.com). Realizing dads have limited parenting resources, Paul wanted to create a source of experience, recommendations, inspiration, and advice for dads—delivered from the male perspective. ★ Sadly, we report the death of **Erica Chalson DelCore** (M.A. '92). **Renee Pontbriand** (M.A. '92) remembers fondly the fun times they had together in Paris and how Erica kept in touch with her many friends through the years with cards and personal notes.

German

Br. **Paul Diveny** (M.A. '87) has been named headmaster of Delbarton School, Morristown, N.J. ★ **Marianna McKim** (M.A. '92) and husband Reinhart Sonnenburg returned home from China in December with beautiful daughter Emma Hui'ai McKim, born on July 7, 2005, in Guangdong Province. Marianna is taking time off from her work at the Upper Valley Trails Alliance in Norwich, Vt., in order to be home with Emma for a while. She'd love to hear from anyone interested in adopting (marianna@nokill.org).

Spanish

Flora Losacco Breidenbach (M.A. '61) writes, "After retiring from teaching Spanish and Italian for many years, I worked as director of study abroad for two years at a small liberal arts college in central Illinois. Now I'm back in the Chicago area where I lead educational travel programs abroad through the College of DuPage." ★ For his career-long dedication to the culture and literature of Spain, Univ. of Arizona Professor **Robert Fiore** (M.A. '62) received the Encomienda con Placa de la Orden Civil de Alfonso el X el Sabio, one of Spain's most prestigious honors. Since 1939, the government has given less than 100 of these awards. ★ The Dundalk (Md.) Chamber of Commerce recently appointed **Pegg Thorn Johnson** (M.A. '73), who serves as principal of Dundalk High School, as a board member. Pegg will be chairwoman of the Education Committee. ★ With strong teaching and administrative credentials, **Linda Hughes Kelley** (M.A. '78) was hired last year as the head of school and CEO at Chabad Hebrew Academy in San Diego. Under her leadership, Chabad is moving progressively forward and she feels it has a strong future. ★ Last fall **Bill McAndrews** (M.A. '83) became head of corporate communications at BMW in Germany. Previously he was head of press relations at the German energy company RWE. ★ Congratulations go to **Albio Sires** (M.A. '84) who recently won his bid to take over a vacant two-month seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, but also won the full two-year House seat from the 13th District of New Jersey. He is one of only a few Cuban lawmakers in the U.S. Congress and the only Cuban-born House member from a state other than Florida. ★ Dr. **Alice Edwards** (M.A. '88), associate dean of the Mercyhurst College School of Arts and Humanities and chair of the world languages and cultures department, received the 2006 David A. Portlock Outstanding International Educator Award from the Pennsylvania Council for International Education. ★ Canisius College in Western New York named **Dianne Civello** (M.A. '90) director of development for major gifts. She has worked as a development officer there since 2003. ★ At Lincoln-Sudbury (Mass.) Regional High School, **Tara O'Donnell** (M.A. '05) is working as a Spanish teacher. ★ Moravian Academy in Bethlehem, Pa., welcomed **Hunter Lippincott** (M.A. '06) to its Upper School this year as a Spanish teacher.

ages and working closely with kids that live in a city trash dump called La Chureca outside of the capital city of Managua. Part of the work included trying to start a girls' home in the mountains to get support and education for some of the girls of the dump (who get pulled into prostitution rings and drug addiction). **Ian Wolfe** visited there and reports that Brad is doing incredible work! Brad has also been to Japan twice to play music with his band, which now includes Reinaldo from Puerto Rico on percussion and Tiago from Brazil on bass. The March 2007 release of the documentary *Side of the Road* featured Brad's band in concert in Vienna, Va., as well as the story of the people of La Chureca. In between U.S. tours he's been writing and recording music for a film called the *Suff Grom Dream Trip*, which will release from Walking On Water late this

fall, as well as working on a DVD and live CD that will release in time for Christmas. Big news: This summer Dispatch will reunite for three concerts on July 13, 14, and 15 at Madison Square Garden. The money from the concerts, called "Dispatch: Zimbabwe," will go directly to charities that are fighting disease, famine, and social injustice in Zimbabwe. A portion will be allocated to local charities that the band supports here in the U.S. as well. ★ **Jim Bruce** taught a course during winter term called Dance, Place, Video. ★ **Kelsey Fuller Fatland** writes, "I'm teaching at the Chinese American International School in San Francisco. Husband Anson and I have two children, Connor (4) and Linden (1.5)." ★ Last fall in Pittsburgh, **Tim Andres Pabon** starred in *El Paso Blue* by Octavio Solis, a play that is partly in Spanish and deals with

the immigrant experience. ★ **Roxanne Matthews Lucy** and husband Jeff welcomed daughter Meredith Grace on July 12, 2006. The Lucys live in a suburb of Charlotte, N.C., where Roxanne is an attorney and Jeff is with Deloitte. They recently enjoyed a visit from **Dara Sorkin Michaelson**, husband Grant, and son Spencer. ★ **Jen Jay Bass** graduated from the Univ. of Iowa in May 2006 with her M.P.H. and has moved to the Phoenix area with husband Dan and daughters Clara (5) and Evelyn (3). ★ **Rebecca Kirk** recently saw **Weezie Edsell Henderson** and newborn daughter Taylor in Silicon Valley. Rebecca is working for Analysis Group in California until fiancé Steve Fair completes his MBA at Stanford. ★ Based in NYC, **Joshua Braunstein** has been promoted from director of content to general manager at CT Corsearch.

★ **Bill Gowski** and wife Virginia will be taking a sabbatical from the good life in Salt Lake City, Utah, to spend the '07-'08 academic year in Baltimore, Md. Among the things they lack there are housing, a job for Virginia, and friends. Get in touch if you have any of the above to spare. ★ Photographer **Casey Kelbaugh's** "Slideluck Potshow" is becoming as popular in NYC as it was in Seattle. Guests bring a dish to share and enjoy a slideshow of photography and artwork contributed by local artists. ★ After teaching and coaching in Colorado for the past eight years, **Jenny Fisher** is moving to Chicago in the fall. She'll still be teaching and coaching, and she looks forward to getting in touch with Midwest Midd grads. ★ **Jethro** and **Molly Bschorr Ferguson** and daughter Kaelin (2) relocated to London last fall when Jethro was transferred by his company to their London office. Molly stopped working and is home full-time with their daughter. ★ In Decatur, Ga., **Christi Sizemore Behrend** works as the executive director of Life Enrichment Services, a senior activity center. She lives with her husband and two cats in Atlanta. ★ **Jill Boat Rakowski** and husband Marc welcomed second child Charles David Rakowski on August 21, 2006. Big sister Lucy, who is 27 months older, adores her little brother. Jill is currently working part-time and mostly from home for international research and investment company Gavekal Capital. ★ **Shamoil Shipchandler** and wife Jackie welcomed son Aidan Tamim Shipchandler on November 11, 2006. ★ **Chris Andrews** and wife Daryl welcomed daughter Hayden Donna DeValerio Andrews on December 20, 2006. Daryl is an attorney at the law firm Sherin and Lodgen, and Chris is a senior consultant at Forrester. The Andrews Family lives in Brookline, Mass., with dog Winston. ★ On January 25, Eamonn and **Pera Tory Flood** welcomed son Owen Lawlor Flood. ★ Congratulations on all the new babies! Please continue to send us your news—we love hearing from you!
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Plenty of '97 baby news: **Mike Moore** and wife Coren welcomed Molly Katherine Moore on April 25, 2006. ★ **Helen Froelich Plummer** and husband Ray are proud to announce the birth of son John Raymond Plummer IV on July 1, 2006. The Plummer family moved back to Beijing, China, in October. ★ **Zach** and **Katie Lillich Hallowell** announce the birth of son George Austin Hallowell on December 6, 2006, in San Francisco, Calif. The Hallowell family is doing well and has moved back to the East Coast where Zach is working for LL Bean in Freeport, Maine. ★ **Amy Horner** writes, "I recently started a new job as attorney-advisor in the Environmental Restoration Branch of the U.S. Dept. of the Interior's Solicitor's office. I will be focusing on natural resource damage issues as well as working on other environmental issues related to the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service." ★ After having received her Ph.D. at Columbia in 2004, **Sara Gregg** ventured out to the Midwest to take a teaching position as a professor of environmental history at Iowa State Univ. She's now heading east again in order to take a postdoctoral fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, and she is delighted to join husband Ben Hayes (UVM '92) back in Washington, D.C. At Ben and Sara's summer wedding in Stowe many friends were in attendance: **Stephanie Tuttle Susskind**, **Cindy**

Sada, **Bill Maris**, **Eli Moore**, **Naz Sioshansi**, **Rob Schlesinger** '94, **Anna Weinstein** '94, and **Sara's** dad, also Ben, class of '68. ★ **Jonathan Nass** married Melissa Trozzi (Wesleyan '99) on September 2, 2006, on Cape Cod. After a Paris honeymoon, they returned home to Providence, R.I., where both are completing medical residencies. ★ Last fall, **Ian Roberts McConnell** joined the law firm of Morris, Nichols, Arsh & Tunnell in Wilmington, Del. He served as a legal intern in the U.S. Attorney's office in the organized crime drug enforcement task force division. Before studying law at Boston College Law School, he was a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps. ★ The Rocky Mountain Chapter sponsored a lecture by President Emeritus and Prof. John McCardell Jr. entitled "Abe Lincoln Approaches His Bicentennial." The Chapter co-presidents are **Matt Ralston** and **Rob Birdsong**. ★ We're looking forward to catching up with everyone June 1-3 at our 10th reunion!
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98 **Aubrey Cattell** (finally) graduated from the JD-MBA program at Northwestern Law/Kellogg School of Management last June. "Now I'm practicing in the Colorado office of Cooley Godward, a Silicon Valley law firm, doing corporate and licensing work for technology startups. More importantly, wife Cindy and I welcomed our first child, son Thatcher, into the world in February 2006. The whole family is currently living in Boulder, Colo., and enjoying our initial forays into the mountains so anyone living here or just passing through should please feel free to get in touch." ★ **Scott Nelson** and wife Emily welcomed into the world Foster Scott Nelson on November 22, 2006, and enjoyed celebrating the holiday season with their beautiful new baby boy. After a stint on the West Coast when Scott worked at the ad agency Chiat Day in San Francisco, the family moved to Boston's South End. Scott now works at Converse in the marketing department as the global manager of advertising. ★ **Carole Stromboni** (exchange 1997-98) visited **Sumita Pahwa** in Cairo, Egypt, where the two reminisced about Middlebury, exchanged news of Midd friends, and even looked up Class Notes together. Sumita escaped dreary Baltimore to write her Ph.D. dissertation in comparative politics in the more convivial climate of Cairo. Carole is now working in consulting for Cap Gemini in Paris and keeps in touch with Midd friends, especially Helene Andrawiss and **Bongani Dlamini** who are now happily married and also live in Paris. ★ **Dan** and **Emily Olson McLean** moved to Shelburne, Vt., last summer. Emily is teaching middle and high school art at U-32 in Montpelier and Dan is working as a reporter at the *Burlington Free Press*. ★ **Kerra Struthers Mayor** and husband Jimmy are proud to announce the birth of daughter Elizabeth Michelle Mayor on June 1, 2006. Jimmy and Kerra are enjoying watching Elizabeth grow and develop and are having fun learning to be parents. ★ **Patrick Knightly** and **Dave Savarese** are hittin' it big in the San Diego music scene. You can contact them and hear a few of their latest songs on myspace.com/bunyanstake. ★ **Bethany Silva** was recently hired by the King Street Youth Center as their operations manager. She has eight years of teaching experience. ★ For 35 years a cross-country ski race known as the Vasaloppet has been run in Mora, Minn. For the sixth consecutive time, **Chad Giese** won the premier 58-kilometer

freestyle event. "The community pushes me toward the finish line every year. The other competitors keep making fun of me, because all they hear is 'Go, Chad!'" The race is a descendant of one run annually in Mora, Sweden, and Chad, along with several buddies, was planning in February to travel to Sweden to compete in the big Vasaloppet. ★ **Chad Stokes** (aka **Chad Urmston**) will be back on stage with Dispatch this summer when they do three benefit concerts at Madison Square Garden July 13, 14, 15. All the proceedings will go towards charity, including Chad's own Elias Fund, a scholarship for students in Zimbabwe. Chad continues to play in the band State Radio, writing songs with a social conscience. One of the band's new songs is "Sudan" about the genocide in Darfur.
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99 **George Wright** was recently named the executive director of the Association of Africans Living in Vermont (AALV), an organization that provides social service referrals, cultural orientation, and public education. It recently won a three-year refugee service grant. George has worked in the refugee service sector for the past six-and-a-half years, most recently as a program and development officer at the Ethiopian Community Development Council. ★ On April 29, 2006, **Karen Herbert** married Zachary Gustafson in Santa Barbara, Calif. **Kristen Vogel Blabey** served as matron of honor. Other alums who attended were **Tom Blabey** and **Jason MacMurray**. ★ **Shauna Hill** writes, "I've moved back to the East Coast after seven years in Seattle and am settling into my new life on a 68-acre farm in Ware, Mass. I am working as a therapist at the Stetson School, which serves children with sexual behavior disorders and juvenile offenders. I'm looking forward to connecting with my New England-area Midd friends and can be reached at shillmsw@gmail.com." ★ **CJ Diamond** and **Hallie Hughes** welcomed daughter Elsa Catil Diamond into the world on October 7, 2006. Currently living in South Hadley, Mass., Hallie is finishing up law school and CJ is working for his family's business. They had a great Midd reunion/New Year's celebration with **Jed** and **Amy Flanders** '97 **Harris** and **Sarah** and **John Overbay** at their house in Maine. ★ **Greg Parent** had his usual MLK weekend festivities at his house at Mt. Snow. Notable events included **Liz Cassidy** having food poisoning. Fortunately nobody got hypothermia in the hot tub this year. **Brad** and **Susie Church** '97 **Maxwell** made a surprise appearance, as did **Chris Lindstrom** and wife Abbey Haber '01. **Adam Burns** was also in attendance, as was **Peter Steinberg** and **Robby Levy**. Rob has recently begun strength training and yoga to take off the stress of working as an investment banker in NYC. He offers to spot anybody pumping iron in the Big Apple! ★ **Sherry Schwarz** was featured in the travel section of the *Boston Globe* last fall. She continues to publish her international travel magazine, *Abroad View*, and three years ago she took over another long-established travel magazine called *Transitions Abroad*. Both magazines support low-impact travel done independently or through nonprofit programs. *Abroad View* continues its mission of reporting on study abroad experiences for college students. ★ Dubbed Queen Halloween, **Jana Metevier Beagley** was the creator of Burlington's "Nightmare Vermont" and the assistant managing director for Williston's "Haunted Forest"

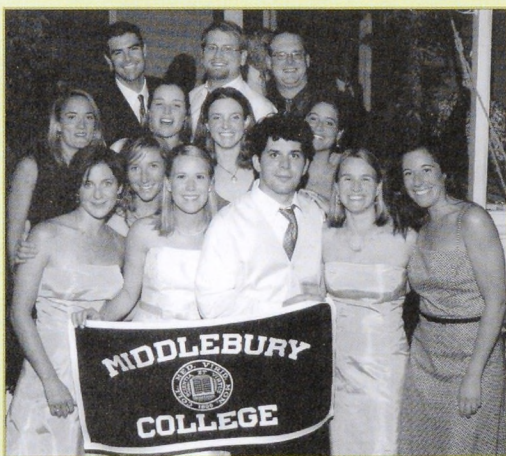
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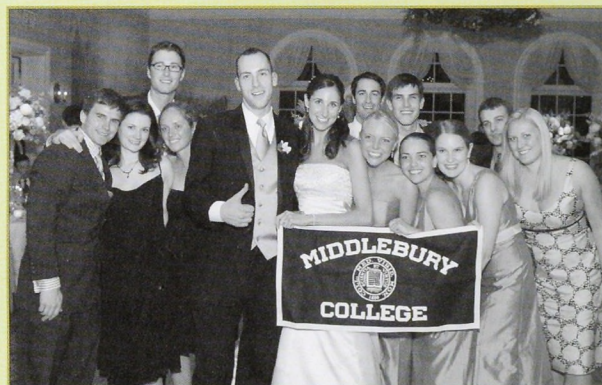
On August 5, 2006, Mary Montgomery '04 and Daniel Koppel '04 were married at Sebasco Harbor Resort in Maine. Midd friends Owen Strock '03 and Jess Isler '04 were part of the ceremony.



On October 9, 2005, Jennifer Dresser and Brian Bank '91 celebrated their marriage at the Tehama Golf Club in Carmel, Calif., with friends (all '91 unless noted) Meghan Schwartz, Susan Resnicoff, Lesley Jarvis, the newlyweds, Jennifer Gould Cippoletti '93, Andrew Friendly, Bill Ware, (second row) Brent Pickett, Bob Hinkle, Nando Zucchi, Ray Strong, Duncan Evans, Fred Lawrence '92, Tom McCraw '92, Stephen Fedeale, John Waldron, and Nick Goodman.



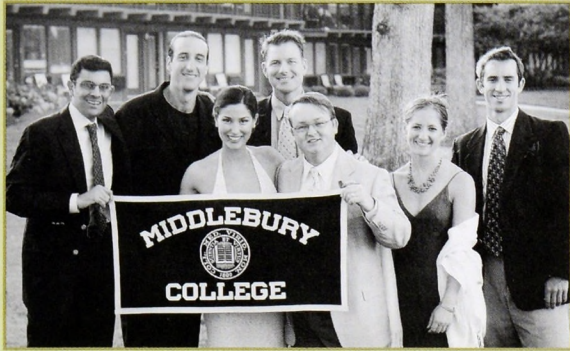
On July 17, 2004, Emily Olson '98 and Dan McLean celebrated their marriage in Nahant, Mass., with friends (all '98 unless noted) Katie Padden, Jen Trickett, the newlyweds, Jenn Heim, Liz Dubin, (second row) Ali Killilea, Molly Campbell Voorhees, Erin Mara, Lauren Shuman '97, (back row) Coert Voorhees '96, Nick Olson '02, and David Shuman '93.



Danielle Boniello '04 and Rick Genett celebrated their marriage on June 10, 2006, at the New York Botanical Garden. Joining the celebration were (all '04 unless noted) Geoff Martin, Laurel Houghton, Kellianne Egan, the newlyweds, bridesmaids Erika Holsman, Becca Selgrade, and Mckalyn Garrity, Kea Anstey, (back row) Thomas McMennamin, Ben Dow '03, Chris Small, and Greg Duggan.



At the American Yacht Club in Rye, N.Y., Sara Doniger '99 and Greg Parent '99 were married on August 19, 2006. Celebrating with the newlyweds were (all '99 unless noted) Molly Magill, Lindsey Huenink, Elizabeth Cassidy, Cate Devlin Gardner, Shayla Schneider O'Neil, the newlyweds, Abbey Haber Lindstrom '01, Mike Cormier, Chris Morosky, Catherine Herrick '97, Robby Levy, (back row) Dan Meyer, Pete Steinberg, Colin O'Neil '98, Susie Church Maxwell '97, Brad Maxwell, Chris Lindstrom, Adam Burns, Joe Kraft, and Eric Rygg '04.



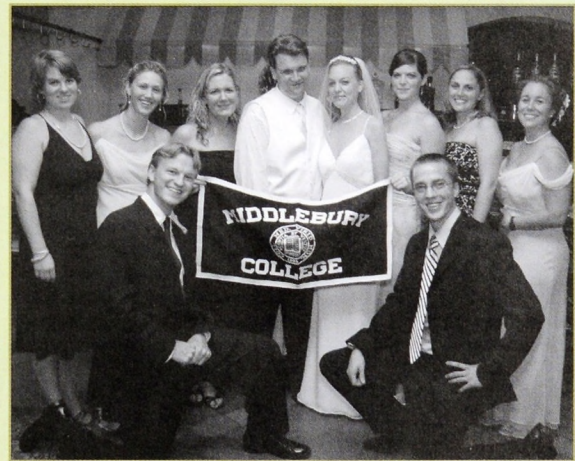
Melissa Lopardo and Kevin Murphy '98 were married on August 19, 2006, at the Abbey in Lake Geneva, Wis. Joining in the celebration were Adi Raval '98, Chris Farrell '98, the newlyweds, Rob Koger '99, Nicola Lodge, and Neill Hunt '98.



The marriage of Serena Griffin '02 and David Gammon took place on June 24, 2006. Joining the happy couple were Ellen Tompsett '02, Pete '03 and Joan Murphy Newell '02, the newlyweds, Anywhere (Siko) Sikochi '05, Elizabeth Gamson '02, and Abdur-Rahim Syed '02.



Karen Herbert '99 and Zachary Gustafson were married in Santa Barbara, Calif., on April 29, 2006. The couple celebrated with friends and family, including matron of honor Kristen Vogel Blabey '99 (on the bride's right).



At the Culinary Institute of America, Amy Peterson '03 and Rob Sherlock (CIA '01) were married on August 19, 2006. Among the 70 guests present were Midd friends Ian Tracy '03, Paul Gruber '03, (back row) Xan Williams '03, Anne Kolodziejczyk Tracy '03, Rachel Joynes '05, the newlyweds, Cragin Brown '04, Julie Palombo Wallace '02, and Alison Mickey '03 (maid of honor).

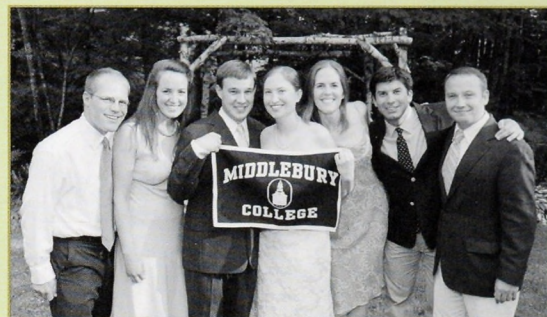


In East Burke, Vt., Kate Mahar '97 married Andrew Ritter '97 on September 24, 2005. Midd friends helped celebrate: (all '97 unless noted) Craig Stouffer (with baby Emory), Sarah Merrill '96, Bill Noto, Clint Bierman, Dave Touloumtzis '99, Lilia Gerberg, the newlyweds, Emily Gleason, Renee Kuriyan, Melissa Giuttari Jackson, Carly Vynne, Jill Hindle Kiedaisch, Jay Tandon, (second row) Sean Libby, Josh Malin, Rian Alfiero, Andrew W. Smith, Phil Busse '92, Lawrence Klein '98, Elizabeth Morgan, Lara Wagner, Matt Baker, Greg Mascolo, Ryan D'Agostino, and Michael Doyle '98.

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In New Hampshire, the wedding of Jessica St. Clair '98 and Dan O'Brien '96 took place at the New London Historical Society on June 15, 2006. Midd friends who attended included Prof. Chela Andreu-Sprigg (Spanish), Prof. Doug Sprigg (theatre), Kristin Arends '98, the newlyweds, Addison Humbert '98, Molly Campbell Voorhees '98, Janet Lee '96, (second row) Umar Serajuddin '96, Susie Patterson Nichols '78, Peter Nichols '76, Eva Blank '98, Michael Doyle '98, Dan Schechter '96, Emily Voorhees '99, Coert Voorhees '96, Rodney Rothman '95, Nathan Bennett '96, Megan Byrne '96, and Jason Mantzoukas '95.



At Mary's Restaurant in Bristol, Vt., Margaret Wilhoite '01 and Bryan McQuade '02 celebrated their wedding on August 26, 2006, along with Midd friends Craig Sweet '02, Amy McQuade '04, the newlyweds, Christina Whitten '01, Mike Lackey '02, and Jon Shapira '02.



The wedding of Cheryl Dufault '89 and Thomas Patterson took place on September 18, 2004, in Millville, N.J. Attendees included (all '89 unless noted) Joshua Gould, Scott Smithson '91, the newlyweds, Nicole Paul (bridesmaid), Denise Paige Lietz (matron of honor), Jeff Young, and Elisabeth Warthin Chadwick.



The marriage of Laura Gandrud and Brent Pickett '91 took place on September 10, 2005, in Chatham, Mass. Midd friends from the Class of 1991 who helped celebrate included Matt Martin, Andrew Friendly, Anthony Tedesco, the newlyweds, Kim Shephard, Brian Bank, Lynelle Preston, Meghan Schwartz, Sarah Gandrud Robinson, Tom Murray, James Meyer, Bill Ware, and Lesley Jarvis. Missing from the photo are Bob Hinkle, Aaron Albright, Ian Noetzel, and Debra Nelson.



Jessica Grillo '00 and James Rudolf '01 were married on October 23, 2005, in Saddle River, N.J. Celebrating with the happy couple were (all '00 unless noted) Sam Wilson, Andrew du Pont '01, the newlyweds, (second row) Greta Simmons Herbert '01, Laura Todd Hotchkiss '99, Victor Shaio '01, Craig Paris, Lyndsey Erickson, Danielle Fischer '01, Matt Murphy, Gwenie Rogers, Amy Leibowitz Shapiro, Josh Shapiro '97, (third row) Chris Herbert '01, Mike Saunders '01, Chris Ashley, Rob Reis '01, Brad Hotchkiss '99, Jack Einhorn '01, Zac Campbell '01, Rick Morgan, Jenny Williams Weymouth, Hilary Amoss Gibbons, and Eric Zink. Bridesmaid Alyssa Pappas Zink missed the photo.



Caitlin Corey '02 and Justin Drechsler '02 were married on July 15, 2006, at the Summit Lodge and Resort in Killington, Vt. Joining in the celebration were (all '02 unless noted) Tim Brownell, Josh Flanagan, Amanda Wiegand, Nina Kieves, Nico Kieves, the newlyweds, Ashley Elpern, Josh Drake '03, Justina Ngo '04, (second row) Ryan Richards, Patrick Ward, William Vaughan '01, Jessica Monroe Vaughan, Lisa McAndrews, Gregory Woo, Michael DeLeo '03, Justin Knox, (third row) Chris Loeffler '04, Heidi Rothrock '03, Dave Kynoski '76, Eli Sugarman, Christopher Ramsey, and Matthew Batastini '03.



On June 10, 2006, Anne Kolodziejczyk '03 and Ian Tracy '03 were married in Western Massachusetts. The couple celebrated with Midd family and friends: (all '03 unless noted) Lorraine Simo Kolodziejczyk '73, the newlyweds, (back row) Alex Kinsey, Julia Kolodziejczyk '05, Steven Venturi '05, Amy Peterson Sherlock, Angus Birchall, Xan Williams, Javier Damien '83, Tyler Kneisel, Michele Miers-Phillips '02, and Kadion Phillips.



Felice De Ruggiero '90 and Peter Rich (Salem State '87) were married at Castle Hill in Ipswich, Mass., on June 4, 2006. In attendance were Beth Ware Conway '90, Matt Conway, and flower girl Dominique Patalano.



Rachel Campbell '95 married William O'Donnell in Alpine, N.Y., on March 26, 2006.



After a Korean wedding ceremony Friday night, Suwha Hong '98 and Timothy Weld '98 were married at Mead Chapel on June 24, 2006. A reception followed at the Whitford House Inn in Addison, Vt., and Midd friends helped celebrate: (all '98 unless noted) John Twiss, Ryan Harter, (second row) Tom Gravel, Jennifer Jensen, Kevin Murphy, Elizabeth Gerber, Marion Bright, Jenna Mason-Plunkett '97, the newlyweds, Anne Holloway, Alice Martin, Amy Coseo, Sangwha Hong '97, Camila Sosman, Jennifer Beaumont Wilfrid, Katie Whittlesey Comstock, Carrie Rief '99, Anthony Colangelo '99, Amy Ferenz Hampe '99, Shayla Schneider O'Neil '99, David Weld '92, Rebecca Sama Owsley, (third row) Ritwik Bhattacharjee '99, Jason Boatright, Christopher Weld '94, Michael Larsen '99, Kirby Salerno, Andrew Weld '95, Dave Johnson, Walter Weld '64, Diana Wiss, Kathryn Gordon Hethcote, Susan Keller Whitman, Laura Christian '94, Jennifer Arnold, Jenny Klintberg Murphy, Keith Magni, Nick Owsley '97, Ben Livermore, Kevan Comstock '97, Colin O'Neil, and Davin Wilfrid.

at the Catamount Family Center last October. "I just adore Halloween. I love the sense of transformation. I love the darkness. I love the way it's a license to twist things." * **Amy Olson** is working for a private event company called New England Occasions, a start-up that has a contract with the National Park Service to coordinate corporate events and weddings at the Commandant's House in Boston. Her official title is event manager but she does everything from sales and billing to facility maintenance. * **Clark Freeman's** company, The Sight Unseen Theatre Group, is going strong in its fifth year. This past year Clark produced two world premiere shows, *A Year Without Spring* and *Quarterlife*. In addition, *STEVES*, the movie Clark wrote, directed, and produced has been screened at several film festivals, winning a number of bests. Clark continues to play in The Real D'Coy with Andy Mitton '01 and sister Cassidy '04. Their self-titled debut studio EP, *The Real D'Coy*, was released in February.

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00 **Mike Cordaro** and **Erica Hill** moved to the desert in Arizona last summer. Mike is attending business school at Thunderbird while Erica continues admissions work at an Episcopal school. For a change of scenery, the two recently spent a week ziplining through the rain forests and hiking the volcanoes in Costa Rica. They regularly escape the cacti and head north to camp at the Grand Canyon, and they spent a few days before Christmas skiing the powder at Vail with **Genny Berdoulay Coffey**. * On July 2, 2006, **Derek O'Riorden** and **Kaitlin Conley** were married at St. Irene's Church in Carlisle, Mass. A reception was held at Wedgewood Pines Country Club in Stow, after which the couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Derek works as a teacher in the Lancaster (Mass.) Public Schools and attends Fitchburg State College. His wife also teaches, in the Westford (Mass.) Public Schools. They live in Lancaster. * **Colleen Bramhall**, while working with Accenture's ADP program in South Africa, spent the holidays in Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Cape Town. * **Antonio Macia** writes, "I'm currently living in Los Angeles. I recently directed my first feature film titled *Ego*. I wrote it while living on an artist foundation in Taos, N.M. The piece explores the lives of three men living in Stamford, Conn., over 15 years, and the destructive force of the male ego. (Yes, one of the main characters is a Middlebury graduate!) It was a dream come true to direct my first film in my hometown. I'm now back in L.A. editing and watching football on occasion with **Tab Howard**." * **Jim** and **Jess Howe Thomson** have relocated to Seattle, where they've been learning the ropes of a great new city and enjoyed a stellar northwest ski season. Jim recently completed graduate work in oceanography and is now a research scientist at the Univ. of Washington. Jess is a freelance food writer. * From Toronto, **Chat Ortved** writes, "I do my best to keep learning. Going back to school was good for that, I suppose, though now I'm almost done again. On a recent trip to New Zealand, I learned that to shear a Merino sheep you have to keep pulling the skin taut because of all the wrinkles." * **Michaela Betty** writes that ten years after her first J-term when she was learning how to make beer and Venetian masks, she's now learning how to run a restaurant by herself. * While doing a family practice medicine rotation, **Rachel Davis** learned that snorting heroin causes asthma exacerbations; wash-

ing your face and ears with Head and Shoulders shampoo during the winter months alleviates dry winter skin; natural family planning definitely does not work; babies get sick a lot; and she LOVES underserved family medicine and thinks it might be her calling! * **Kate Michelsen Graham** is still acting and loving it. Last summer she played Kate in *The Taming of the Shrew* with the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company. Husband Scott, also an actor, was a part of the cast as well. During the day, Kate works as a puppeteer for a company called Blue Sky Puppets, an educational theater group that performs for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, an age group she enjoys working with.

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01 **Tamsen Fricke** recently guided Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and several other members of Congress on a tour of a flower farm in Ecuador and discussed the importance to the Ecuadorian economy of extending the Andean Trade Preference and Drug Eradication Act. Tamsen has been living in Ecuador with husband Andres Perez and working in the flower export industry for five years. She's looking forward to repatriating to the United States in 2007. * **Jason Jenner** was in Los Angeles in February at the Grammy Awards where The Fray, his first management artist, was nominated for two awards. * **Adil Husain** writes, "For four great years I was a senior manager at the management consulting firm Kaiser Associates in Washington, D.C. I left in June 2006 and decided to shake things up. I attended the Middlebury Chinese School last summer and then left for Suzhou, China. I have founded a consulting firm called Emerging Asia Inc., and for the next couple of years will be dividing most of my time between Suzhou, Washington, D.C., and London. It turned out to be a very hectic summer, and I was disappointed that I couldn't attend reunion. I hope to make it to the next one!" * **Matt** and **Leslie Fox Arnould** each finished their first semester at Northwestern Law School in December. They spent their two-week break in New York and Boston where they celebrated New Year's Eve with **Zach Bourque** and new wife Megan and caught up with **Sarah Theall** and **James Tsai**. * **Keegan Uhl** is still in Boston, working in real estate and photography, but is moving to Los Angeles in the fall of 2007 to attend film school. Keegan sent updates on some of our other classmates: **Daniel Graham** is a lumberjack in northern New York State, where he lives with his dog Sadie and goldfish Gertrude; **Peter Morgan** has just finished law school at Stanford and is moving to Alaska in the summer of 2007 for a year to do a clerkship with the Supreme Court of Alaska; **Zak Pritchard** has moved from San Francisco back to Vermont and is living in Burlington; and **Ray Coffey** is living in So. Burlington, Vt. * Up in Maine, **Josh Broder** threw a New Year's party with a few alumni in attendance: **Jeff Phillippe**, **Lauren Wright**, **Megan Hamilton**, **Gretchen Stuppy**, **Danny O'Brien**, **James Becker**, **Keith Case** '05, **Ethan Lacy**, **John (Nez) Nesbitt**, **Mike Snow**, and **Emily Newick**. * **Elissa Burnell** writes, "I just wanted to let it be known that I am back in New England reporting for New England Cable News (NECN)! My gig is covering the entire state of Maine for them, a tall order. But things have been great and I'm getting to report on a broad range of topics, from the most gruesome murders the state has seen in more than a decade, to the traditional potato harvest in extreme

northern Maine." * At the National Museum of Singapore, where he serves as assistant curator, **Jason Toh** helped to throw a fun New Year's party. Entertainment included electronic music by Analog Girl, hip-hop sounds by DJ Koflo, and a special aerial dance performance by Project Bandaloop on the museum's façade. * On February 18, the L.A. alumni chapter hosted "The Real D'Coy CD Release Party." The Real D'Coy consists of alums **Andy Mitton**, **Clark Freeman** '99, and **Cassidy Freeman** '04. The party was the release of their studio EP debut, the self-titled *The Real D'Coy*. * **Matt Whitcomb** is working as a development coach with the U.S. Ski Team. Since college, he has coached at Burke Mountain Academy, where his athletes have succeeded both nationally and internationally.

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02 REUNION CLASS

Yuri Lawrence is currently a first-year medical student at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine with fellow panther Miranda Hillyard '01. Yuri says, "It's an amazing profession and I'm enjoying every minute. My immediate plans are to study *Neospora* infection in the domestic and wild canid populations in Yellowstone National Park for my summer project, but I should probably focus on getting through large animal anatomy first." Yeah, Yuri, you go boy! * **Ellie Toan** and **Joseph Cipolla** (Princeton '02) were married last August at the Botanic Gardens in NYC. Ellie works as a medical editor and has applied to medical school for the fall. Joe is finishing law school and will begin working at Davis Polk and Wardwell in the summer. * More from Secretary Alfano on the wedding of **Morgan** and **Annie Nichols Jones** last August: The ceremony took place in a picturesque mountainside setting and included musical renditions by former Mischoris **Michelle Mejia**, **Sarah Knoebel**, and **Laura Bloom**. The wedding weekend was packed with amazing food, emotional speeches, a dramatic and hilarious wedding video produced by the fabulous **Ed Bogart**, and aggressive dancing and perspiration. The wedding celebration culminated with an after-party which was topped off with a celebratory toilet paper fight and special appearances by **Katharine Wolf** and **Eric Devon**, who put on a show for all. This was a major and unforgettable Middlebury alumni event! Morgan and Annie are living happily ever after in their apartment in NYC. * Ed Bogart continues on in NYC working as a producer at *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, so if you know some wicked smart people, send them along to him. * Happy in Cambridge, Mass., **Michelle Mejia** is still working at Cone and still living with fiancé Jim. * **Meghan Dwyer** and **Philip Lehr** were married on August 4, 2006, in Farmington, Conn. They're now living in Austin, Texas, where Meghan is a high school English teacher. She'll be headed back to school for her doctorate at the Univ. of Texas later this year. * **Emily Shiolen** wrote last fall that she was working as the marketing manager of programs and communications at Harvard Business School, where she had been for three years. She and husband Don spent last summer back in NYC where Emily was doing marketing for two small fashion designers and Don worked for a real estate private equity firm. They were back in Cambridge so Don could finish his second year of school. They spent time with several Middlebury grads—**Anthony D'Avella** '00, **John**

Dickie '00, and **Peter Park** (a fellow Battell alum). Emily's big news was that in January she started her MBA at Columbia Business School. "Not sure how an English major slipped in, but I'm really excited! In addition to mastering finance, I plan to have lunch daily with **Dana Gordon** who now works at Columbia." * **Brian Elworthy** is living in Washington, D.C., and is in his second year at Georgetown Law School. He lives on Capitol Hill and will be working as a summer associate at a Boston law firm this year. * **Brian Ferry** is still tearing it up at Michigan Law School. * **Holly Carlson** has returned to the beautiful state of Vermont to attend Vermont Law School's master of studies in environmental law program. "Any visitors finding themselves passing by South Royalton are welcome!" * **Brad Holden**, who has been spotted on various occasions with **Deb Willis** in Washington, D.C. "getting gnarly" on the dance floor, will graduate from Georgetown Law School this year. He spent the past semester representing teenagers who have been expelled from D.C. public schools for abusive behavior and is learning the art of "sticking it to the man." * **Bridget Dungan** left the television industry after four successful years, culminating with an NAMIC Vision Award for Best Real Life Series for her work on a documentary about the Jackson State Univ. marching band. She began a whirlwind traveling tour of Latin America, tore her meniscus, and returned home. Now, after surgery and the beginning stages of recovery, she's off again. She spent the winter in Costa Rica revisiting Nosara and the Kitson Biblioteca before moving to Nicaragua to volunteer with a program called Bridges to Community that builds homes for people in need. Don't worry, New Yorkers, she'll be back soon. * On July 15, 2006, **Caitlin Corey** and **Justin Drechsler** were married in a ceremony performed by Gus Jordan at the Summit Lodge in Killington. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, they returned to Cambridge, Mass., where Caitlin teaches at Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School. Justin is a student at Boston Law School. * From Portland, Ore., **Seth Coffrin** checked in to say he's still working as a media planner for Wieden and Kennedy. * The rumor mill puts **Stella Harman** on track to travel abroad to London Business School, though Darden at UVA is making a strong push to keep her stateside. * It seems academia is pulling many 2002 alums, including **Stefan Nowicki**, who has been seen in NYC carting around some grad school applications of his own. He might end up at NYU this fall, pursuing his love of teaching. * **Suzanne Slarsky** writes, "My communications work at the National Survey is challenging and exciting, but not so demanding that I can't get out on the water. In 2006, we sailed from Turkey through the Suez, and we're in full swing planning a voyage along Madagascar's coast for this year. See you all at reunion!" * Save the date of June 1-3 for the Class of 2002 fifth reunion! Class representatives will be asking for donations to contribute to a class gift.

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03 **Sadie Hoagland** was recently hired as a copywriter for the Freestyle Marketing Group in Salt Lake City, Utah. * After completing his master's degree at Syracuse Univ., **Kudzai Zvoma** was hired by Quinebaug Valley Community College in northeastern Connecticut as a math instructor. He is now teaching developmental arithmetic, developmental algebra, and intermediate algebra.

* **Marissa Anshutz** has returned to NYC after two years living in London, England. At Syndicate, where she works, Marissa manages hospitality and nightlife clients, including Ian Schrager's Gramercy Park Hotel and Rose Bar, Soho Grand, and Tribeca Grand, as well as art/design clients Stellan Holm Gallery, Mark Seliger's 401 Projects, and Sebastian + Barquet. * On December 16, 2006, **Hallie Parker** and **John Prescott** were married in Washington, D.C., with many close Middlebury friends in attendance. They spent their honeymoon skiing and sightseeing in Vancouver and Whistler, B.C. Now that the wedding festivities are over, they are back in Columbus, Ohio, where they are both graduate students at Ohio State Univ. Hallie is in her last year of medical school and John is finishing his master's degree in higher education. * **Katharine Decker** writes, "After working as a reporter/anchor for ABC Alaska News, I've switched over to print media, and I'm now writing for the *Jackson Hole News & Guide*." * **Michael Apicelli** is working on a dual degree in law and a master's in international relations at Syracuse Univ. with an expected date of graduation in May. During his 2005-2006 school year, he worked with the Department of Education and U.S. State Department teaching university students in Yerevan, Armenia. * **Kyle Dezotell** returned to his hometown of Newport, Vt., last November to speak at the All-Orleans County Soccer Banquet, sharing his experiences with the All-County award winners.

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04 **Sara Smith** traveled to Midd last November to help celebrate Butch Varno's 60th birthday. About 50 people gathered in Kenyon Lounge, including Butch's family, alumni, current football and basketball players, and coaches, to have dinner and honor Butch. * **Jeff Kauffin's** Web site defending New Jersey, www.JerseyPride.com, is becoming increasingly popular. Last year it received nearly 250,000 page views! People have been sending him their pent-up feelings for their home state, photos of themselves wearing New Jersey T-shirts in places from Paris to Afghanistan, and even photos of their New Jersey tattoos, a clear outline of the state on their biceps or ankles. Jeff says, "There really is a lot of Jersey pride!" Jeff currently works for a Manhattan marketing firm. * Living in Burlington, Vt., **David Reisman** is the associate director of Windridge Tennis Camp. Last December 9, he reached the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro with his father and sister. * **Colin Lewis-Beck** spent last summer at the German School in Middlebury and began teaching high school German in the fall. * Some hockey news: **Kevin Cooper** has joined the Muskegon Fury in the United Hockey League. His coach says, "He has a knack for scoring and if you look at his college stats, he scored some big goals in big games." **Marc Scheuer** is still playing hockey, also, for the Beacon Hill Hockey Club in Summit, N.J. One of his teammates is **Andrew Helming**. * Still very involved in theater and film, **Cassidy Freeman** is living in a little beach apartment in Santa Monica, Calif. Her feature film, *BREATHLESS*, screened in Beverly Hills and is now on the market for distribution. The same producers from that film also flew her to the Bahamas to film a documentary on ecotourism. She continues to tutor through the Virginia Avenue Project and sing with The Real D'Coy with brother Clark '99 and Andy Mitton '01. She has also done some modeling for Frogman Jewelry and French

photographer Veronique Vial, resulting in an ad for *InStyle* magazine. In January she had the long-awaited premiere of her film, *Razor Sharp*, which was a great success. * **Anais Mitchell** continues to be busy and successful. In December, she brought to the stage a folk opera she created, *Hadestown*, based on the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. She enjoyed writing songs for voices other than her own, although she did play Eurydice in the opera. Ben Campbell '03 played Orpheus. Anais also had a new album come out in February called "The Brightness," which was released through Righteous Babe, the Buffalo, N.Y.-based major independent label created by folk-punk star Ani DeFranco. Of signing with the record label, Anais said it was exciting "to be associated in some sense with an artist whose work shaped my coming-of-age and my art."

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05 At the Harding Estate in Barre, Vt., **Andrew Lindblad** and Emily Gardner were recently married. Emily, a graduate of Berklee College of Music, is a music and drama teacher at Kingsley Montessori in Boston and a senior guest service representative with the Boston Red Sox. Andy is working as a teacher's aide at Crossroads Center for Children in Natick. They live in Somerville, Mass. * Prof. Jeff Byers published two articles recently: one, with **Nick Janson**, "Radical Additions to (n6-Styrene) Chromium Tricarbonyl," in *Organic Letters*; and the other, "Radical Reactions Mediated by Cyclobutadieneiron Tricarbonyl," in *Organometallics*, with Prof. Steve Sontum and **Tina Dimitrova**, Sumaya Huque '06, Yong Zhang '03, and **Ben Zegarelli**. * We were all saddened and surprised by the death of our classmate, **Sammy Muhlfelder**. In his own way, Sammy has taught us a lesson about life. **Sakai Troxell** remembers Sammy as "one of those people who always made his presence known. His voice was strong and confident, and no matter what the topic of conversation, it always contained an element of humor. That's one thing that I do not doubt—that he left the world laughing. Because that's what he did best—laughed." We will live and laugh for you, Sammy. We will always remember you. * **Tina Velez** is in her second year of her Teach For America (TFA) commitment. She is a third grade teacher at PS 53 in the Bronx. * After a year of working at public policy think tank Demos: A Network for Ideas and Action, in NYC, **Julie Cuthbertson** packed her bags and moved to Spain, where she now teaches at the American School of Madrid. * At Mountain Shadows in Dublin, N.H., **Marisa Cawley** thoroughly enjoys teaching Spanish, voice, and acting. She also tutors individuals in math and reading, coaches a running club, and leads an after-school program each day. * **Julie Rankin** is still teaching preschoolers in D.C. and living in the Chinatown area. Every now and then, she runs into the friendly faces of **Andrea Schwartz**, **Asher Burns-Burg**, and **Dave Wright**. She has also seen **Leslie Gately** and **Jimmy Hickey**. * After spending a year in the restaurant business in Cambridge, Mass., Dave Wright moved to Washington to work in Arlington, Va., in energy management for EPA at an environmental consulting firm, ERG. He lives with fellow Midd Kids, Asher Burns-Burg and **Chris Morse**, in a very diverse neighborhood in Columbia Heights. He sees Julie Rankin, Taylor Bolz '04, **Hans Manzke**, **Ed Francis**, and **Megan McCarthy**. * Also in D.C., **Kathryn Boateng** is employed at

the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research where she works with key experts and practitioners in the fields of international health and development to improve the well-being of some of the world's most vulnerable populations. ★ Up north, **Emmanuel Sabiti** is working in Boston at a social investment firm, Boston Common Asset Management. ★ Also in Boston is **Christina Tolbert** who is finishing up her post-baccalaureate degree in premedicine at Harvard Univ. She parted in NYC with Tina Velez, **Alicia Hernandez**, Athenia Fischer '04, and **Dena Simmons** to celebrate Tina's 23rd birthday. ★ **Dan Hughes** is pursuing his law degree at NYU. He enjoys his nice pad in Greenwich Village. ★ Another New Yorker, **Bill Shufelt**, is working in financial services on Wall Street. ★ Back in Vermont, **Saba Rizvi** continues to work at the International Monetary Fund in Burlington. She celebrated the New Year in NYC with **Megan Gorman-DaRif** who lives and works in D.C. ★ **Avery Hill** is currently in her second year as an English language assistant in Wiesbaden, Germany. ★ **Cortney Fritz** is teaching Special Education at two small middle schools in Oakland, Calif. She lives with **Katy Hicks** and **John Carney** in San Francisco. Katy is a health care consultant, and John is a trader for Wells Fargo. **Ned Courtemanche** was living with them also, but he moved out last summer to teach history and coach hockey and lacrosse at St. Paul's School outside of Baltimore. ★ **Amber Hillman** worked last fall as the scheduler for her father as he campaigned for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts. ★ **Colin Ashby-Kuhlman** (M.A. German '06) and **Kira Ventura** were married on September 9, 2006, at the Green Mountain Inn in Stowe, Vt. Midd attendants included **Andrew Lindblad**, **Amanda Gustin**, and **Alyssa Thurston**. The couple lives in Annandale, Va. Colin is a German teacher at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria and Kira works at the Center for Health, Environment, and Justice in Falls Church.

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06 First off, congrats to all the Feb graduates—start sending us info about what you're up to! Secondly, thanks to everyone for their help in compiling the winter issue notes—please keep the info coming! ★ **Calvin Garner** was hired as a staff assistant and press aide for Congressman Peter Welch in D.C. ★ After months of being on the dole in New York, **Jess Van Wagenen** finally found a job working for VH1 as an ad sales assistant. So far she's really enjoying the people and the fact that she's found a job where everyone else values TV as much as she does. She traveled to London for New Year's to visit **Jess Hallett**, who is spending the postgraduate year traveling around the world with her sister; they conquered all of Europe before Christmas, and after New Year's, flew to Ghana before moving eastward through Africa, South Asia, New Zealand and Australia, and finally South America. ★ **Kate Horvitz** got a job working as one-half of a small PR firm in New York that does events for auction hours, antique shows, and galleries. ★ **Dan Phillips** is working as a paralegal in the M & A department for Shearman and Sterling in New York, living downtown with **Sean Breen**. Dan plans to take the LSATs this summer before applying to law school. ★ **Andreas Apostolatos** is working for Sloan-Kettering during the week doing research trying to find a connection between pancreatic

cancer and depression, and he's working for the *New York Times* on the weekends. ★ **Phil Ford** is working at Arbor Reality and living in Midtown East, while **Caitlin Flint** is working at Goldman Sachs and living in Murray Hill. ★ A bunch of Boston '06ers traveled to NYC in December for Caitlin and **Brittany Potz**'s holiday party: **Andrew Pavoni**, **Coleman Hutzler**, **Dom DiDomenico**, and **Andrew Carnabuci**. ★ **Ashley Varady** is working for Teach For America in the Bronx and getting her master's on the side. ★ **Laura Beerits** left Teach For America in the fall and is now working for NYU. ★ On the other side of the country, **Eric Siegel** is working as a geologist for an environmental consulting firm in Sacramento, Calif., and is enjoying traveling around the Bay Area and to Tahoe for skiing and hiking. ★ Roommates **Matt Kunzweiler** and **Cole Dovey** live in San Francisco where Matt works at Google in their recruiting department, and Cole is a biochemistry grad student at UCSF. ★ Also in SF, **Robin Cornuelle** works for UC-Berkeley doing public health. ★ Over in the East Bay of SF, **Mercy Trent** is living in Walnut Creek, working as a personnel coordinator and the Horse Camps director for a summer camp called Roughing It Day Camp. ★ **Tim Leavitt** is in Los Angeles, working as a postproduction assistant for MTV. He's worked on *DanceLife* with Jennifer Lopez and *Adventures in Hollyhood* with Three 6 Mafia. He's been hanging out with fellow '06 grad and film student **Charlie Tomm** (now Charlie Carlisle), who just moved out there and got a job in the film industry. ★ **Stephanie Pritchard** is living in La Jolla, Calif. While finishing up medical school interviews (and running into lots of Midd Kids in the process), she's working with Midd grads Dan Treiber '87 and Corey Atteridge '98 at Ambit Biosciences. They actually hired Steve O'Banion '07 to replace her when she leaves next year. ★ Also in San Diego, **Jackie Marsh** is teaching at a special needs high school during the school year and will be working at the San Diego Zoo this coming summer (isn't that awesome?). ★ As for the rest of the country, **Jackie Edwards** is living in Chicago now, working in a lab and keeping busy by teaching swimming lessons, training for a marathon in Paris, and applying to med school. She's learning to adopt Chicago sports teams as her own. ★ **Dakota Clayburgh** also lives in Chicago, working for Tiffany's and breaking her way into the fashion industry. ★ **Christine Fisher** now resides in D.C., "after working for a short time at the A Bar A guest ranch in Wyoming with **Price Massey**, followed by boring temp assignments in New Jersey." She works at the Center for Mind-Body medicine, an education nonprofit that uses mind-body skills to help traumatized populations deal with posttraumatic stress. Check it out at *cmbm.org*. ★ At an Atlanta alumni event last fall, **Jen Watson** joined Assistant Professor Katy Smith Abbott in guiding alums on a tour of the Niki de Saint Phalle outdoor sculpture exhibit in the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. ★ **Brooke Lenci** works in Westport, Conn., in a behavioral health hospital, learning about the field of mental health before making her next step. ★ **Erika Gold** reports that in December, she and **Nell Achtmeyer**, **Tara Micherone**, **Emily Pyeatt**, **Karen Bullock**, **Nate Edmunds**, **Taylor Leach**, **Charles Logan**, **Nate Morris**, **Jake Nicholson** '05, **April Peet**, and **Ryan Reese** completed their student teaching semesters. Congrats to all of you!

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28 **Miriam Sweet Coombs**, 99, of Concord, Mass., on January 27, 2007. Graduating from college at the age of 20, she began a long and distinguished career as a teacher. Besides teaching English at her first job in Woodbury, Conn., she directed the annual operetta and became known as "The Operetta Queen." She received her master's degree in education from the Univ. of Connecticut, and in 1956 she became a member of the first faculty at the Lincoln-Sudbury (Mass.) Regional High School. Teaching there until her retirement in 1972, she later was one of the first to earn a spot on the high school "Wall of Honor." She was a reader/grader for the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., attended Bread Loaf Writers' Conference when Robert Frost was on staff, and was an avid participant later in Elderhostel. In her hometown, she served the Concord community in so many capacities that in 1992, she was chosen as Concord's Honored Citizen. An avid sports fan, she followed her Boston teams enthusiastically through the years. Predeceased by husband John Coombs, she is survived by sons Allan and John '60 and their wives, former daughter-in-law Linda Fiske '60, 18 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

30 **Helen Simpson Hull**, 98, of Naples, Fla., on November 19, 2006. A resident of Hawaii for almost 60 years, she volunteered for the Red Cross during the war, including time in the surgical dressing section after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She was honored with the Presidential Citation for Volunteer Service in 1946. With a diploma from Merchant's and Banker's Business College, she worked at Fireman's Insurance Co. in Connecticut, the Hawaii Dept. of Health, *Sunset Magazine* (associate editor), The Glass Shack, and the *Lokahian* (editor). Involved with both the Tuberculosis and Heart Associations, she received a Meritorious Service Award from the AMA in 1965. Memberships included the Press Club of Hawaii, National League of American Pen Women, and State Regent, DAR. She is survived by daughter Barbara Roberts, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

32 **Alice Cady Russell**, 95, of Columbus, Ohio, on December 21, 2006. Earning a master's in biology from Middlebury in 1934, she worked as a histological technician in neuropathology at the Univ. of Michigan. After earning another master's in library science, she worked for many years at the North Olmsted (Ohio) Library, eventually as the head librarian. She enjoyed painting and entered her works in many art shows, winning several awards. She is survived by son David Russell, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, as well as former husband Jack Russell. She was predeceased by a great-granddaughter and brother Francis Cady '35.

33 **Mary Omwake Dearborn**, 95, of Salisbury, N.C., on December 6, 2006. From the time she left Middlebury, she was involved with Catawba College. Over 70 years, she acted as housemother, French and physical education teacher, faculty wife, first lady, alumni office employee, athletic booster, and unabashed goodwill ambassador. In 1937, she married Donald Dearborn, a mathematics professor who later served as president. Catawba College awarded her an Honorary Doctor of Letters in 1976; the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award given as "a permanent reminder of the noblest human qualities," in 1977; Outstanding Alumna Award in 1988; and Exemplary Life Service

Award in 1995. Predeceased by husband Donald and sister Anna Omwake Ferguson '32, survivors include son Ralph Omwake Dearborn, daughters Katharine Heckscher and Elizabeth Miller, and five grandchildren.

36 Philip B. Taft, 92, of Dresher, Pa., on January 3, 2007. Over a 40-year career, he worked for Rohm & Haas Co., a Philadelphia-based specialty chemical manufacturer. Beginning as a researcher, he eventually became manager of international marketing and traveled on business to Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Predeceased by wife Adeline (Morovich) in 2005, he is survived by children Susan White, Virginia Glorieux, and Philip Taft; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother Hugh Taft '44; nieces Pamela Taft-Dick '73 and Joanna Taft Maynard '58 and her husband, Hull '56; nephew David Klock '60; great-nephew Jonathan Taft-Dick '04; and great-niece Joya Taft-Dick '06.

37 Nancy Blanchard Britton, 91, of Kingsport, Tenn., on April 29, 2006. Prevented from finishing at Middlebury because of the Depression, she worked at the Boston Nursery for Blind Babies and met husband Charles. Transferring with his job to Kingsport, she lived there for 69 years and raised three sons and a daughter.

38 Margaret Lawrence Lind, 90, of Scituate, Mass., on December 9, 2006. With a lifelong interest in music and singing, she attended the Eastman School of Music for one year to study voice and sang professionally in operettas and concerts. She also sang at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset, Mass., and at the United Church of Christ in Norwell, Mass. After earning a master's in education from Bridgewater State College, she taught high school mathematics for fifteen years. Predeceased by husband John in 1995 and sister Helen Lawrence Bailey '41 in 1996, survivors include daughters Ruth Lind, Margaret Gutman, and Deborah Mahony; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and niece Susan Bailey Stone '65.

40 Robert F. Pickard, 88, of Providence, R.I., on December 24, 2006. A WWII naval officer, he served principally in the Pacific. After earning his law degree from Yale Law School, he enjoyed a successful career in Providence at Hinkley, Allen, Salisbury and Parsons until his retirement in 1989. As a proponent of public education, he was appointed to the State Board of Education and served as chair for two years. Predeceased by first wife Marjorie (Olson) in 1994 and brother Ralph Pickard '37 in 1992, he leaves wife Lois Whittier Pickard '40, sons John, Douglas, Dana '74, and Robert Jr., daughter Beth Pickard Romano, stepsons William, Frederick and James, and all their families.

41 Margery K. Barkdull, 87, of Lake Ridge, Va., on November 14, 2006. With a year at the Katharine Gibbs School, she worked at Pan American Airways; the Dept. of State, including three years at the embassy in Madrid; at an engineering firm, an insurance firm, and a national management consulting firm; and finally as a map librarian at the National Geographic Society. She also earned an M.A. at Middlebury's Spanish School and an M.L.S. at Western Reserve Univ. She is survived by brother Howard and his two children.

42 Marvin E. Holdredge, 86, of Englewood, Colo., on December 14, 2006. After spending time at the Naval Air Training Center in 1942, he served as a primary flight instructor in Glenview, Ill. He then worked for several Chicago area advertising companies, the last being Chicago Show Printing Co. in the motivations division. Predeceased by wife Virginia (Marsh) in 1991, he is survived by daughter Mariette Blackett; sons Richard and Charles; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

44 Muriel Roome Wakeman, 84, of Wayne, N.J., on November 22, 2006. Before retiring in 1960, she was a biologist for Standard Oil of New Jersey. She was a member of the Pine Lakes Garden Club, Women's Club, Seniors, and synchronized swim team. Predeceased by husband Irving, she is survived by sons Robert and Alan, daughters Enid Wakeman and Cynthia Wilby, and four grandchildren.

45 Carolyn Merrill Sinclair, 83, of Barre, Vt., on November 27, 2006. She first worked at the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. in Hartford, then was an underwriter at National Life Insurance Co. in Montpelier, Vt. Predeceased by husband J. Arnold Sinclair in 1998, survivors include daughters Martha McFarland and Karen Sinclair, son Douglas, and five grandchildren.

49 Patricia Allen Guthrie, 79, of Wolfeboro, N.H., on December 5, 2006. A preschool teacher for 15 years at Central Church in Summit, N.J., after retiring to Wolfeboro, she remained active volunteering in the local school. She enjoyed golf, quilting, rug hooking, working in her garden, and volunteering in the local hospital. A loyal Middlebury alum, she served the College in many capacities, most recently as class secretary. Survivors include husband David; daughters Sally Haertel, Betsy Robin, Penny Augsburg, Nancy Vachon, and Kathy Guthrie; son Duke; and 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

50 Carlton E. Anderson, 81, of Bradenton, Fla., on December 31, 2006. A decorated Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a sales representative for Behr-Manning (Troy, N.Y.) and later for Hubbs and Howe (Rochester, N.Y.), before retiring to Florida. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Eleanor; daughter Priscilla Utter; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include sister Carol Anderson Gwatkin '54 and niece Claire Gwatkin Jones '88.

51 Charles M. Ford, 76, of Albuquerque, N.M., on November 27, 2006. After college, he enlisted in the Air Force, serving until 1955. For many years, he worked as a computer services consultant, beginning in the early mainframe days. He also was closely involved in theater and film production interests. He is survived by brothers Judson '52 and Peter and their families.

52 Barbara Chaney Ferguson, 75, of Arlington Heights, Ill., on May 31, 2006. An authority on antique paper dolls, she often wrote articles and gave talks on the subject. In 1982, her book *Paper Dolls: A Collector's Guide with Prices* was published. She is survived by husband Edward Ferguson, daughters Nancy Bainbridge and Leslie Ferguson, sons Robert and Edward, and three grandchildren.

W. Merle Smith, 77, of Buffalo, N.Y., on December 20, 2006. With a degree in business administration from the Univ. of Buffalo, he got his start in housing when he became assistant director of the Housing Council of the Niagara Frontier. Establishing his own consulting firm, he brought together developers and officials to create attractive, affordable housing, mostly for low-income elderly. Survivors include wife Ruby (Beicke), son Clay, daughters Robin and Megan, stepsons Daniel and Matt Boles, and stepdaughter Linda Boles.

55 Charles A. Craig Jr., 74, of Wayne, Pa., on November 19, 2006. After serving as an officer in the U.S. Army, he began his career in New York City with Chase Manhattan Bank where he worked for over 16 years, including managing operations in Hong Kong and Amsterdam. After leaving Chase, he continued in a variety of positions in corporate financial consulting. Over the years he and his wife traveled extensively, visiting 26 countries. For 23 years, he served as a trustee of Trinity-Pawling School. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ann; sons Tripp, Jeff, Scott, and Matt; daughter Elizabeth; and 10 grandchildren.

60 Craig B. Heatley, 72, of Keene, N.H., on December 30, 2006. A U.S. Army veteran, he was stationed in Germany. He worked for the Lily Tulip, Xerox, and Pfizer companies, and was self-employed as a human resources consultant for Vail Associates. An avid polo player, he played for years at the Fairfield (Conn.) Hunt Club and Ox Ridge. Predeceased by his wife of 39 years, Adrienne McLeod Heatley '58, he is survived by sons Craig and Selden II, and daughters Alexandra and Caroline. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father-in-law James McLeod '26. Surviving relatives include sister-in-law Mary-Louise McLeod Aagaard '32.

61 Anne Hirsch Allen, 67, of Swarthmore, Pa., on October 16, 2006. After college she worked at Blackwell's Bookstore in Oxford, England, then did graduate work at the Univ. of Edinburgh. With a master's degree in social work from Bryn Mawr College, she worked as a psychotherapist at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic, several social service agencies in Delaware County, at Temple University's Rome campus, and for many years in private practice in Media, Pa. She leaves her husband of 25 years, Robert Schwoebel; son Sean Allen; stepdaughters Camilla and Mary Schwoebel; and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by daughter Brit Allen and former husband Robert Allen.

66 Roy P. Walker, 62, of Montpelier, Vt., on January 24, 2007. After teaching elementary school in Plainfield and Barre Town, Vt., he worked for many years as a travel agent at the Vermont Transit Bus Terminal and Macpherson Travel Bureau. Predeceased by his parents, he is survived by brother Robert.

75 Anne Danila Berenbach, 53, of Wolfeboro, N.H., on December 22, 2006, after a long battle with cancer. A gifted artist, she loved all forms of art, especially watercolor painting and pencil sketching. An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, she enjoyed doing service projects with other members. Survivors include her father, Eugene Berenbach, and her children, Kaela, Ava, and Isa Raku.

79 **Richard H. Long**, 50, of Middlebury, Vt., on December 10, 2006. With a J.D. from Vermont Law School, he lived all his adult life in Vermont where he pursued his love of hunting, fishing, and flying small aircraft. He was an avid orchardist and accomplished writer of poetry and prose. Predeceased by his parents and a sister and brother, he is survived by brothers Augustine, Paul, and William; and sisters Katherine Wolf, Clare Martin, Patricia Bonn, and Nancy Hogan.

81 **Elizabeth Leigh Klein Vanderklein**, 46, of Montclair, N.J., on August 3, 2006. She served in the Peace Corps in Nepal and earned a master's in forestry. The book she co-authored, *Water Quality: Management of a Natural Resource*, was published in 1996. In 1999, she joined the faculty of the Upper School of Montclair Kimberley Academy as a science teacher. Predeceased by mother Terry, she leaves husband Dirk, sons Kim and Ian, father Malcolm, and sister Laurie Klein.

92 **Matthew D. Cevallos**, 36, of San Francisco, Calif., on December 28, 2006. An avid, disciplined athlete, he finished the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii at age 23, then soon after won the Escape from Alcatraz Biathlon. In 1994 he moved to San Francisco where he enjoyed a successful finance career. Survivors include parents Mauricio and Gloria Cevallos.

05 **Samuel J. Muhlfelder**, 23, of Newton, Mass., on November 29, 2006. After college, he pursued graduate studies in architecture at the Univ. of Michigan. Survivors include parents Lewis and Esther Muhlfelder, brother Teddy, and cousins Benjamin Wessler '03 and Joshua Wessler '09.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

37 **Charlotte A. Wetherell**, 102, M.A. French, formerly of Barrington, R.I., on December 28, 2006. Winner of the prestigious les Palmes Academiques award, she was a French teacher and head of the foreign language dept. at Classical High School for 44 years.

47 **Frederick J. Churchill**, 89, M.A. German, formerly of Wakefield, R.I., on December 22, 2006. He was a professor of German and linguistics at Hofstra Univ. for 36 years before retiring.

49 **William F. Kazlauskas**, 92, M.A. German, of Waterbury, Conn., on August 11, 2006. A veteran of World War II, his skills in German were used in the Army's counterintelligence service. He taught German for many years at the high school level in Waterbury.

50 **John Kempf**, 86, M.A. Spanish, of Princeton, N.J., on August 15, 2006. After teaching Spanish at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia and Blair Academy in New Jersey, he taught Spanish at Lawrenceville School (N.J.) for more than 30 years.

51 **Leo G. J. Rogers**, 89, M.A. French, of Oswego, N.Y., on November 21, 2006. A veteran of World War II, he was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. With a teaching career that spanned 40 years, he spent 27 years at SUNY-Oswego as a language and teaching methods professor.

64 **Gwendolyn Mardin Haynes**, 96, M.A. French, of Montgomery, Ala., on December 29, 2006. A Fulbright exchange teacher in Brussels, Belgium, in 1955-56, she was a member of the Fulbright Alumni Association, which in 2004 awarded her with the Tillson D. Thomas Award. She taught in several Maine towns before her retirement in 1970.

65 **Harold C. Osberg**, 90, M.A. French, of Rockford, Ill., on May 29, 2006. He was retired from Trinity College where he was associate professor of French.

69 **Martin V. Trapp**, 70, M.A. French '60, M.A. German, of Hartsville, S.C., on May 21, 2006.

Roma M. Upton, 91, M.A. Spanish, of Rochester, N.Y., on December 29, 2006. She was a teacher for many years at Newburgh (N.Y.) Free Academy.

75 **Elaine I. Baum**, 53, M.A. German, of Belmont, Mass., on October 10, 2006.

80 **David F. Hart**, 69, M.A. English, of Pittsfield, Mass., on December 17, 2006. He taught at Quincy College in Illinois, Walsh College in Ohio, and at the former Cranwell Preparatory School in Lenox, Mass.

86 **Nell Powers Braswell**, 73, English School, of Rock Hill, S.C., on November 6, 2006. She was a professor at Winthrop Univ. from 1972 until 1997.

92 **Erica Chalson DelCore**, 36, M.A. French, of Scotch Plains, N.J., on November 8, 2006. She worked in sales at IMG, as an events planner for various firms, including McKinsey & Co., and worked most recently with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

94 **James C. Kapteyn**, 45, M.A. English, of Deerfield, Mass., on January 16, 2007. At Deerfield Academy, he was an English teacher, an assistant dean of students, and a coach of the varsity girls soccer team and the varsity boys lacrosse team.

STAFF

Richard W. Waterman, 78, formerly of Hooksett, N.H., on March 3, 2007. After studying sports medicine at the Eastern School for Medical Aides in New York, he was head athletic trainer at Mount Hermon School in Northfield, Mass., for several years before coming to Middlebury in 1956. In the early years at the College, he worked alone in a small room with two tables, a whirlpool, and a heat lamp. By the time he retired in 1993, he and his staff of trainers and physical therapists occupied 2,700 square feet filled with equipment. In his 37 years at Middlebury, he never missed a home football game (varsity, JV, or freshman), totaling more than 300 games. A longtime member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, he helped found the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers in 1982. He was considered by many to be one of the deans of New England trainers. Predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Carolyn (Bond), he is survived by son Doug, daughters Roxane Orf and Pamela Brady, and seven grandchildren.

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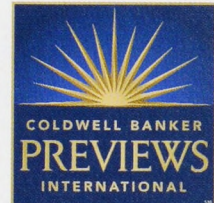


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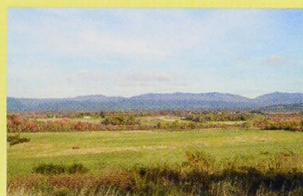


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BY BILL MCKIBBEN

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I journeyed there in January—summertime in the southern hemisphere—with a group of Middlebury alumni, on a trip to see the last mysterious spot on the planet. And mysterious it was—other-worldly, really. To explore it, we'd leave our pleasant mother-ship in small Zodiac rafts, bundled in lifejackets and parkas (though the temperature stayed in the 40s most of the time). We'd clamber ashore in the midst of some penguin rookery or seal wallow where the animals seemed unafraid—they'd barely even bother to get out of the way. The sound, and the stench, of hundreds of



thousands of breeding penguin couples was like nothing any of us had ever experienced. Some of it was comic—young penguins, as big as their parents, chasing Mom or Dad through the rookery at full tilt to demand more (regurgitated) dinner, or elephant seals, the size of library tables, belching and smacking chests with each other. But some of it was tragic too—and those were the parts that forced us to realize we weren't on another planet at all.

The Antarctic Peninsula is warming faster than any place

on the planet, its average temperature three or four degrees higher than just a few decades ago. You could say, oddly, that though the year-round human population there is only a few dozen, it's been more profoundly affected by human civilization than any spot on Earth. As the temperature rises, the changes start to cascade: icebergs calve at a greater rate, and behind the advancing edge of the glaciers, whole ice sheets lurch toward the sea. The Larsen B ice shelf, an area the size of Rhode Island, fell into the ocean here not long

ago. Meanwhile, the pack ice forms later in the winter, or not at all, and hence the algae that line its bottom are reduced. The krill that feed on them are stressed, as are the penguins that eat the krill. And on and on.

Eventually, in turn, these changes will affect us. The ice above the West Antarctic, the latest computer modeling shows, may be more prone to rapid melt than we had thought, and if it goes, then sea level around the world will rise by dozens of feet, submerging vast swaths of civilization.

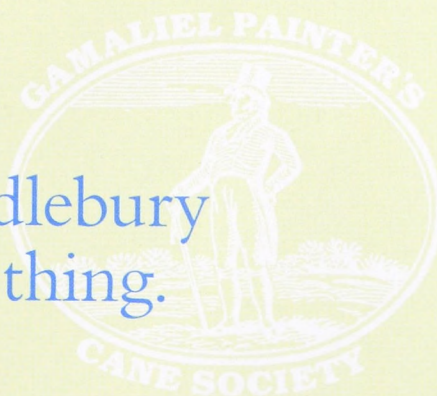
For the moment this place is more hauntingly beautiful than any place I've ever been—an infinite diversity of iceberg shapes, an infinite span of hues between blue and white. But the beauty grows steadily more haunting all the time. We're very far away, but altogether too close at hand. 🐾

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